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Connecticut Remains the Choice for Smart Investors.

On behalf of Connecticut Light & Power and Yankee Gas Services Company, operating companies of Northeast Utilities, we are pleased to provide you with this annual economic review of Connecticut.

The 2004 Connecticut Economic Review serves as the preeminent scorecard of the state's economic progress for the past year and as a benchmark of the state's national standing on a variety of competitiveness and quality-of-life measures.

On the plus side, Connecticut residents continue to enjoy the highest per capita income in the nation. Meanwhile, housing starts remained strong and home prices showed significant increases. The tables inside also reaffirm Connecticut's leading role in the knowledge-based economy. Some notable results: Connecticut has highly productive workers (GSP/worker), an abundance of high-tech employment (fourth highest share of total employment in the United States), and exceptional quality of life indicators. Population growth, aided by a long-awaited return to net in-migration, should help provide the labor force needed for economic expansion in 2005.

While these are positive signs, some trends show reason for concern. For example, there were marginal employment gains as Connecticut did not keep pace with the national recovery. The rate of new business formation greatly lagged the nation. Slow growth in employment and company start-ups has been a chronic problem for Connecticut and points to the need for improving the state's environment for small businesses and entrepreneurs.

As Connecticut's largest providers of electric and natural gas service, CL&P and Yankee Gas are committed to promoting the growth and vitality of the state's businesses and communities. We are proud to provide the high-quality, reliable electric and natural gas service and energy expertise critical to sustaining a healthy business climate. We have redoubled our efforts with a range of public and private partners to bring new businesses to the state and to help existing companies prosper.

If you are interested in expanding in or moving your business to Connecticut and would like to know how CL&P or Yankee Gas can assist you, please contact our Economic and Community Development department at 1-800-286-5000, ext. 6132, or visit our Web sites at www.cl-p.com and www.yankeegas.com.

We look forward to helping you discover all the benefits of living and doing business in Connecticut!

Sincerely,



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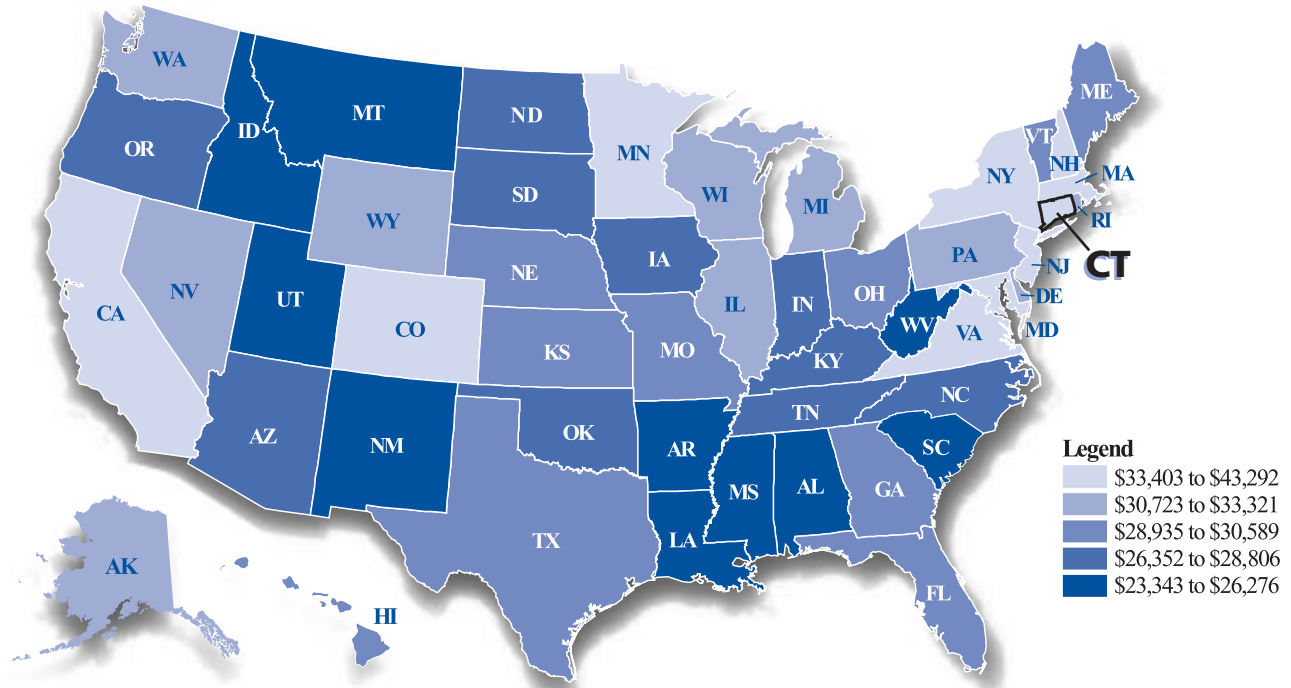
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Connecticut Continues to Lead the Country in Per Capita Income

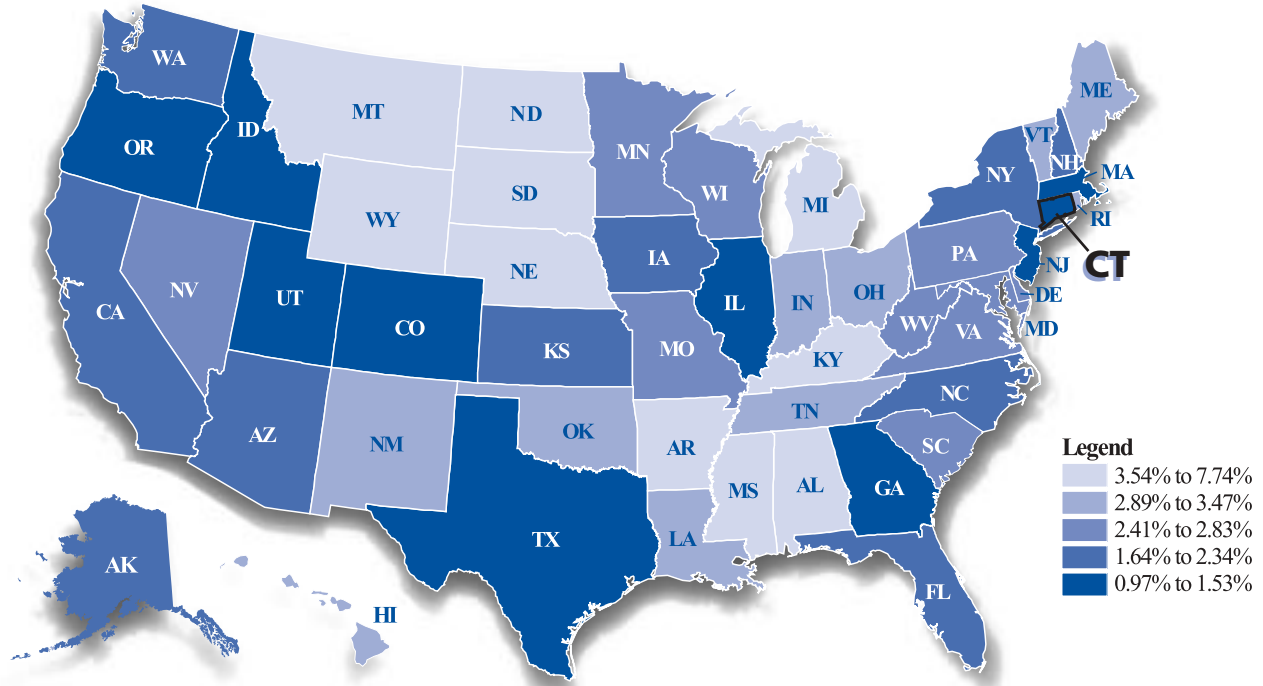


Per Capita Personal Income, 2003

Rank	State	Income	Rank	State	Income
1	Connecticut	\$43,292	26	Kansas	\$29,545
2	New Jersey	\$40,002	27	Georgia	\$29,259
3	Massachusetts	\$39,408	28	Missouri	\$29,094
4	Maryland	\$37,424	29	Texas	\$29,076
5	New York	\$36,296	30	Maine	\$28,935
6	New Hampshire	\$34,703	31	Oregon	\$28,806
7	Colorado	\$34,510	32	Indiana	\$28,797
8	Minnesota	\$34,039	33	Tennessee	\$28,565
9	Virginia	\$33,651	34	North Dakota	\$28,521
10	California	\$33,403	35	Iowa	\$28,398
11	Delaware	\$33,321	36	North Carolina	\$28,301
12	Washington	\$33,264	37	South Dakota	\$28,299
13	Alaska	\$33,254	38	Arizona	\$26,931
14	Illinois	\$33,205	39	Oklahoma	\$26,567
15	Wyoming	\$32,235	40	Kentucky	\$26,352
16	Rhode Island	\$31,937	41	Alabama	\$26,276
17	Pennsylvania	\$31,706	42	South Carolina	\$26,138
18	Nevada	\$31,487	43	Louisiana	\$26,038
19	Michigan	\$31,196	44	Montana	\$25,775
20	Wisconsin	\$30,723	45	Idaho	\$25,583
21	Hawaii	\$30,589	46	New Mexico	\$25,502
22	Vermont	\$30,534	47	Utah	\$25,230
23	Nebraska	\$30,331	48	West Virginia	\$24,672
24	Florida	\$29,972	49	Arkansas	\$24,296
25	Ohio	\$29,953	50	Mississippi	\$23,343
				U.S. Average	\$31,459

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Grew Less than Average in Connecticut in 2003

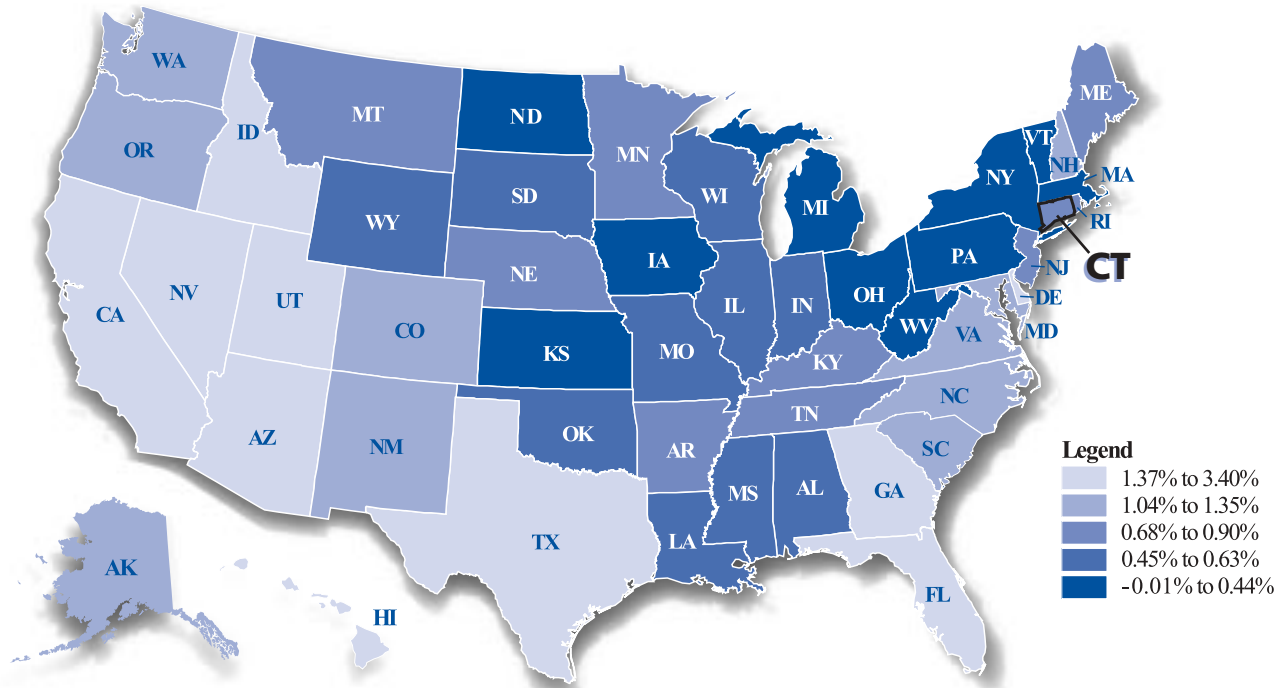


Per Capita Personal Income Growth, 2002 to 2003

Rank	State	Change	Rank	State	Change
1	North Dakota	7.74%	26	Nevada	2.57%
2	South Dakota	6.21%	27	Delaware	2.57%
3	Nebraska	5.06%	28	Missouri	2.48%
4	Wyoming	4.35%	29	Wisconsin	2.45%
5	Montana	4.17%	30	Virginia	2.41%
6	Mississippi	4.02%	31	Kansas	2.34%
7	Michigan	3.74%	32	New York	2.10%
8	Kentucky	3.58%	33	Alaska	2.07%
9	Alabama	3.55%	34	Arizona	1.99%
10	Arkansas	3.54%	35	North Carolina	1.89%
11	Tennessee	3.47%	36	Iowa	1.77%
12	Hawaii	3.24%	37	California	1.74%
13	Maine	3.23%	38	New Hampshire	1.74%
14	Indiana	3.18%	39	Washington	1.74%
15	Vermont	3.14%	40	Florida	1.64%
16	New Mexico	3.12%	41	New Jersey	1.53%
17	Ohio	2.94%	42	Illinois	1.38%
18	Oklahoma	2.92%	43	Texas	1.33%
19	Rhode Island	2.91%	44	Utah	1.33%
20	Louisiana	2.89%	45	Georgia	1.30%
21	West Virginia	2.83%	46	Massachusetts	1.27%
22	Pennsylvania	2.82%	47	Connecticut	1.27%
23	Maryland	2.74%	48	Idaho	1.17%
24	South Carolina	2.61%	49	Colorado	1.13%
25	Minnesota	2.59%	50	Oregon	0.97%
				U.S. Average	2.16%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

Connecticut's Population Growth Was Close to the U.S. Average in 2003

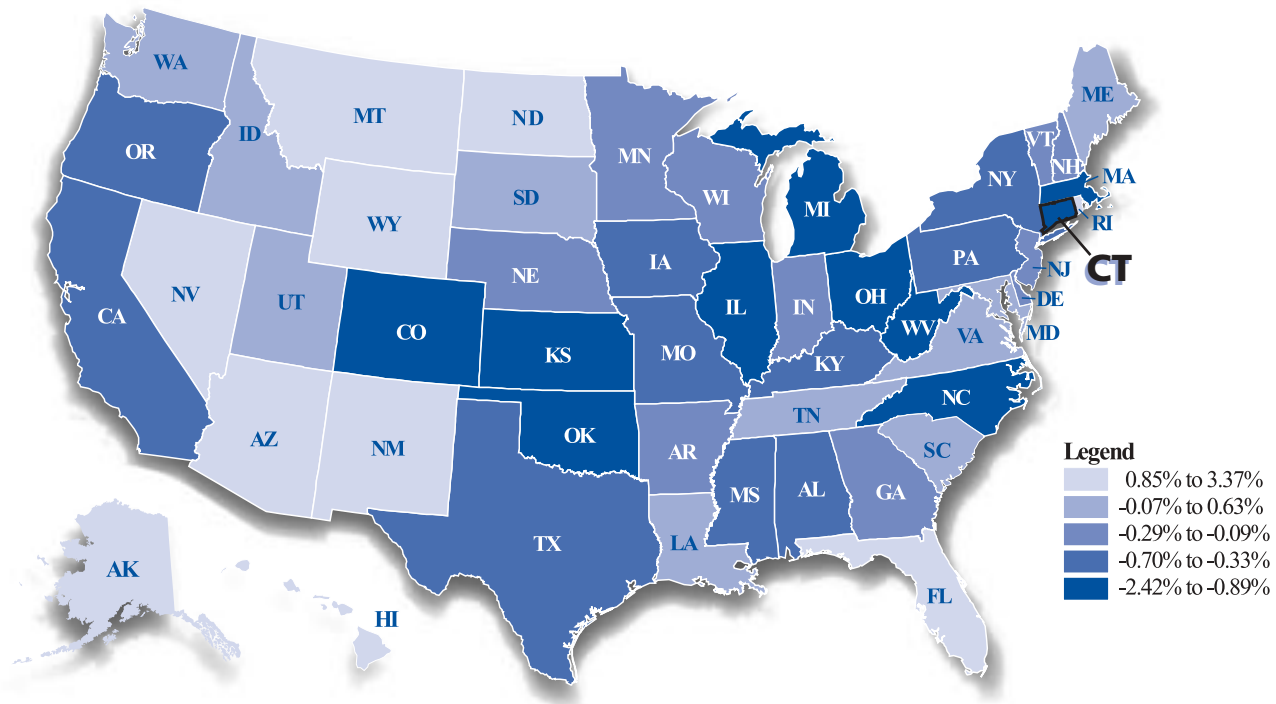


Percent Change in Population, 2002 to 2003

Rank	State	Change	Rank	State	Change
1	Nevada	3.40%	26	Arkansas	0.72%
2	Arizona	2.57%	27	Connecticut	0.72%
3	Florida	1.96%	28	Minnesota	0.69%
4	Texas	1.76%	29	Kentucky	0.68%
5	Idaho	1.73%	30	Nebraska	0.68%
6	Georgia	1.65%	31	Indiana	0.63%
7	Delaware	1.43%	32	Oklahoma	0.63%
8	Utah	1.41%	33	Missouri	0.62%
9	California	1.38%	34	Wisconsin	0.60%
10	Hawaii	1.37%	35	Illinois	0.53%
11	Virginia	1.35%	36	South Dakota	0.51%
12	North Carolina	1.22%	37	Mississippi	0.51%
13	New Mexico	1.22%	38	Alabama	0.49%
14	Alaska	1.14%	39	Wyoming	0.48%
15	Oregon	1.11%	40	Louisiana	0.45%
16	Colorado	1.10%	41	Vermont	0.44%
17	Maryland	1.07%	42	Kansas	0.43%
18	Washington	1.06%	43	Michigan	0.37%
19	South Carolina	1.06%	44	West Virginia	0.30%
20	New Hampshire	1.04%	45	Pennsylvania	0.30%
21	Tennessee	0.90%	46	New York	0.29%
22	Maine	0.84%	47	Iowa	0.28%
23	Montana	0.80%	48	Ohio	0.24%
24	New Jersey	0.74%	49	Massachusetts	0.18%
25	Rhode Island	0.73%	50	North Dakota	-0.01%
				U.S. Average	0.98%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Connecticut Lost Jobs in 2003

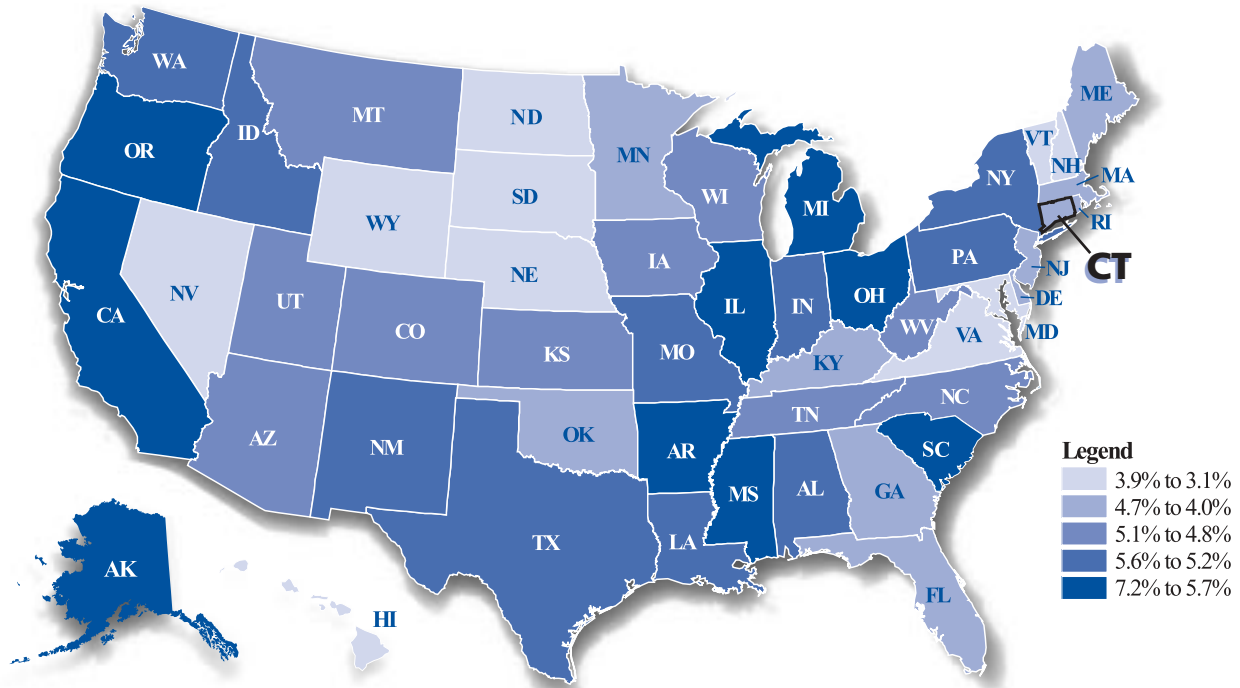


Percent Change in Nonfarm Employment, 2002 to 2003

Rank	State	Change	Rank	State	Change
1	Nevada	3.37%	26	Delaware	-0.22%
2	Hawaii	1.89%	27	Arkansas	-0.23%
3	Alaska	1.59%	28	Vermont	-0.23%
4	Florida	1.47%	29	Georgia	-0.25%
5	New Mexico	1.23%	30	New Hampshire	-0.29%
6	Arizona	1.07%	31	California	-0.33%
7	Montana	1.04%	32	Kentucky	-0.33%
8	Rhode Island	0.90%	33	Alabama	-0.45%
9	North Dakota	0.85%	34	Iowa	-0.48%
10	Wyoming	0.85%	35	Texas	-0.53%
11	Idaho	0.63%	36	Mississippi	-0.62%
12	South Carolina	0.43%	37	New York	-0.66%
13	Louisiana	0.43%	38	Oregon	-0.67%
14	South Dakota	0.24%	39	Pennsylvania	-0.68%
15	Maryland	0.23%	40	Missouri	-0.70%
16	Washington	0.20%	41	North Carolina	-0.89%
17	Virginia	0.18%	42	West Virginia	-0.93%
18	Tennessee	0.12%	43	Ohio	-0.99%
19	Utah	0.04%	44	Illinois	-1.13%
20	Maine	-0.07%	45	Connecticut	-1.30%
21	New Jersey	-0.09%	46	Colorado	-1.47%
22	Minnesota	-0.12%	47	Michigan	-1.47%
23	Wisconsin	-0.13%	48	Kansas	-1.73%
24	Indiana	-0.14%	49	Massachusetts	-1.95%
25	Nebraska	-0.21%	50	Oklahoma	-2.42%
				U.S. Average	-0.31%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Connecticut's Unemployment Rate Remains Below the National Average

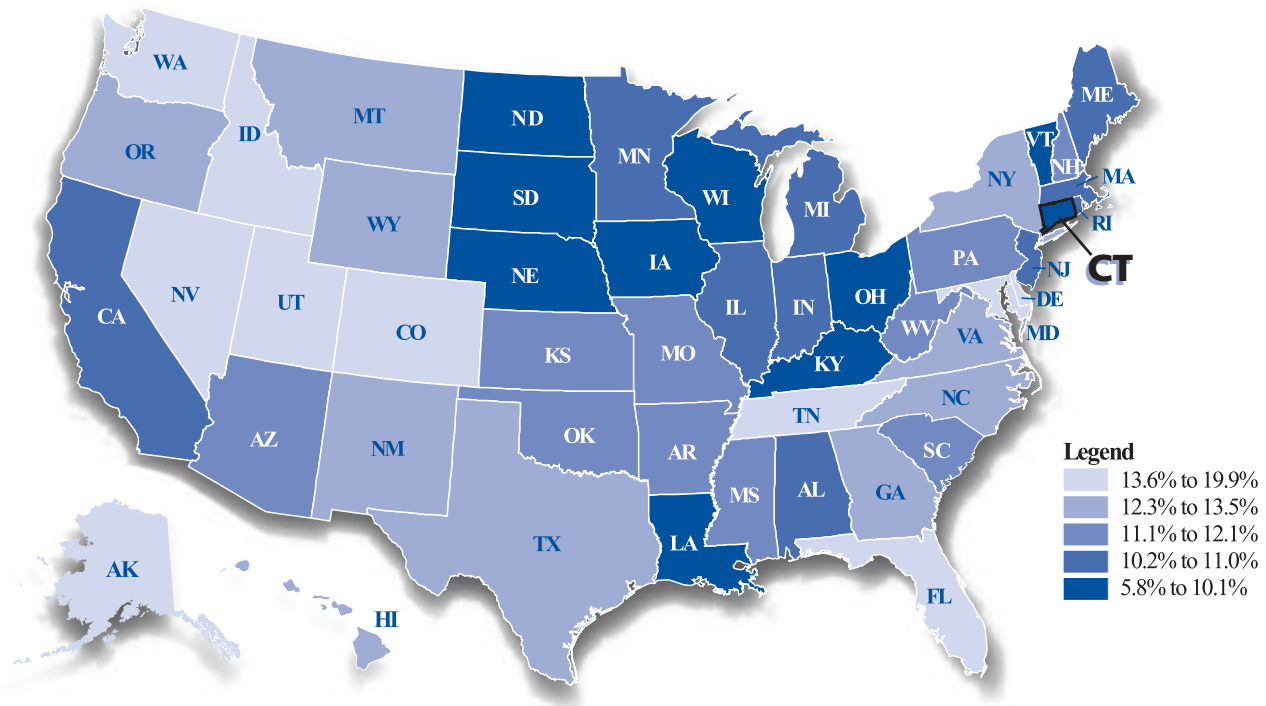


Unemployment Rates, Seasonally Adjusted, October 2004

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	Vermont	3.1%	22	North Carolina	4.8%
2	Hawaii	3.3%	22	Utah	4.8%
2	South Dakota	3.3%	28	Colorado	5.0%
2	Virginia	3.3%	28	Wisconsin	5.0%
5	New Hampshire	3.4%	30	Tennessee	5.1%
6	Nebraska	3.5%	30	West Virginia	5.1%
7	Nevada	3.6%	32	Idaho	5.2%
8	North Dakota	3.7%	32	New Mexico	5.2%
9	Wyoming	3.8%	32	New York	5.2%
10	Maryland	3.9%	35	Indiana	5.4%
11	Delaware	4.0%	36	Alabama	5.5%
12	Georgia	4.2%	36	Pennsylvania	5.5%
13	Minnesota	4.3%	38	Louisiana	5.6%
14	Oklahoma	4.4%	38	Missouri	5.6%
15	Florida	4.5%	38	Texas	5.6%
15	Rhode Island	4.5%	38	Washington	5.6%
16	Connecticut	4.6%	42	Arkansas	5.7%
17	Maine	4.6%	42	California	5.7%
17	Massachusetts	4.6%	44	Illinois	6.1%
20	Kentucky	4.7%	45	Mississippi	6.3%
20	New Jersey	4.7%	45	Ohio	6.3%
22	Arizona	4.8%	47	South Carolina	6.5%
22	Iowa	4.8%	48	Michigan	6.6%
22	Kansas	4.8%	49	Alaska	7.2%
22	Montana	4.8%	49	Oregon	7.2%
				U.S. Average	5.5%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Connecticut Lags in the Formation of New Businesses

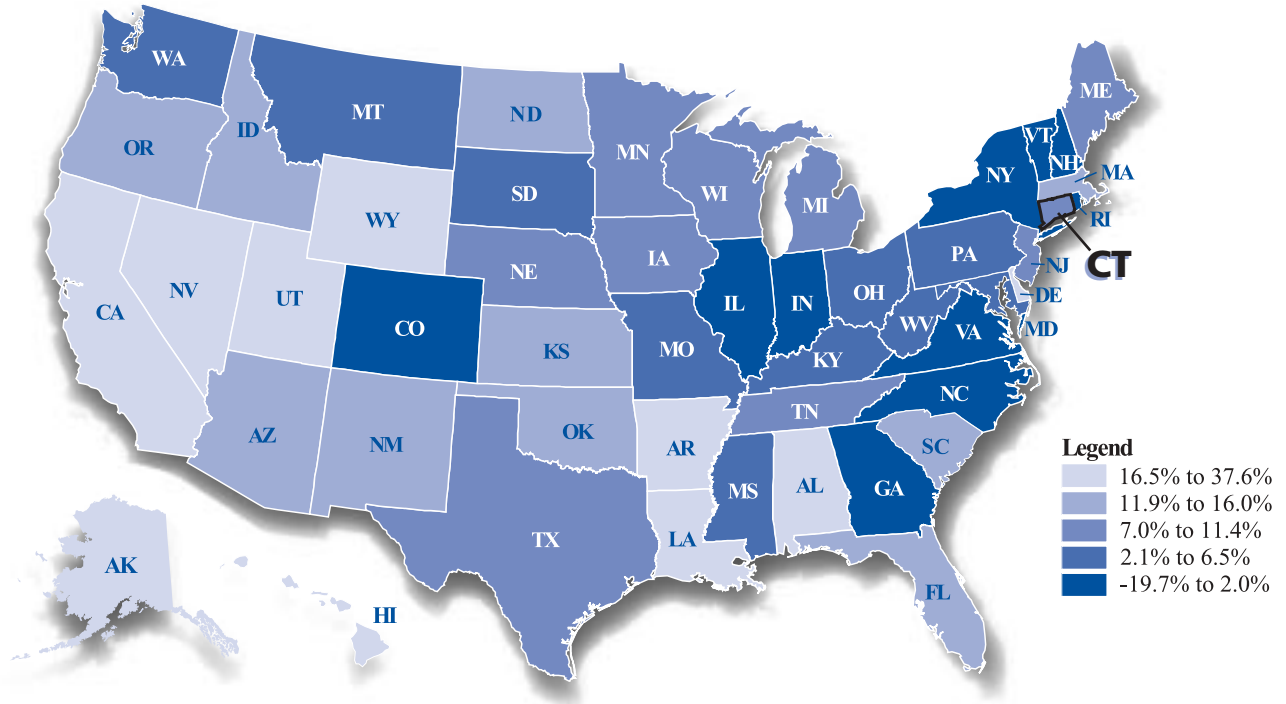


New Companies as Percent of Total Employer Firms, 2003

Rank	State	New Companies	Rank	State	New Companies
1	Nevada	19.9%	26	Oklahoma	11.7%
2	Utah	18.2%	27	Pennsylvania	11.5%
3	Washington	17.5%	28	Mississippi	11.2%
4	Florida	16.4%	29	Kansas	11.2%
5	Tennessee	16.0%	30	West Virginia	11.1%
6	Colorado	15.6%	31	Minnesota	11.0%
7	Maryland	15.4%	32	New Jersey	10.9%
8	Alaska	14.5%	33	Massachusetts	10.8%
9	Idaho	14.4%	34	Indiana	10.8%
10	Delaware	13.6%	35	California	10.7%
11	Oregon	13.5%	36	Rhode Island	10.6%
12	Montana	13.4%	37	Alabama	10.5%
13	Texas	13.2%	38	Michigan	10.4%
14	New Mexico	13.2%	39	Illinois	10.3%
15	Virginia	13.2%	40	Maine	10.2%
16	New York	12.7%	41	Vermont	10.1%
17	Hawaii	12.5%	42	Kentucky	10.0%
18	North Carolina	12.5%	43	Wisconsin	10.0%
19	Wyoming	12.3%	44	Louisiana	9.8%
20	Georgia	12.3%	45	Ohio	9.7%
21	Arizona	12.1%	46	Nebraska	9.5%
22	Missouri	12.1%	47	Connecticut	8.9%
23	Arkansas	12.0%	48	Iowa	8.1%
24	South Carolina	11.8%	49	North Dakota	7.7%
25	New Hampshire	11.8%	50	South Dakota	5.8%
				U.S. Average	10.1%

Source: SBA, Small Business Economic Indicators

New Home Construction Is Still Growing in Connecticut

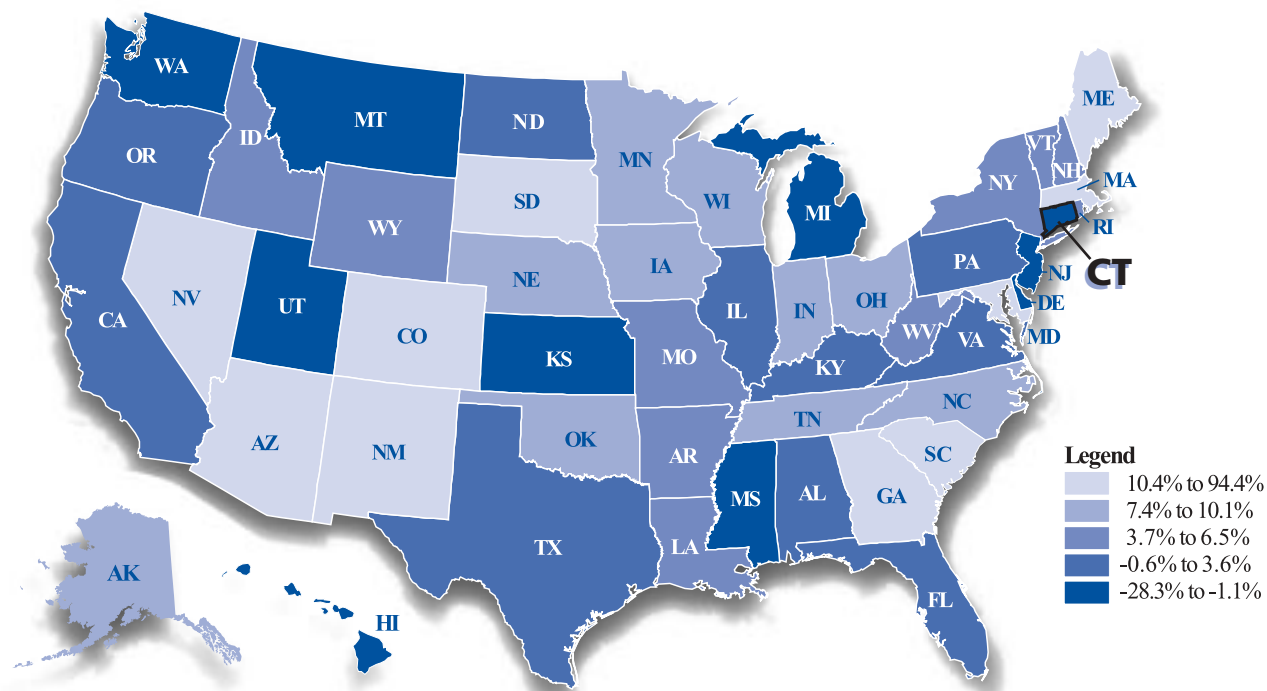


Percent Change in Housing Permits, 2002 to 2003

Rank	State	Change	Rank	State	Change
1	Wyoming	37.6%	26	Michigan	7.9%
2	Hawaii	23.4%	27	Minnesota	7.9%
3	Delaware	22.6%	28	Texas	7.4%
4	Nevada	21.8%	29	Connecticut	7.2%
5	Alabama	20.9%	30	Wisconsin	7.0%
6	Louisiana	20.6%	31	Washington	6.5%
7	California	20.3%	32	Mississippi	6.5%
8	Arkansas	19.3%	33	Montana	5.4%
9	Alaska	17.6%	34	Pennsylvania	5.0%
10	Utah	16.5%	35	West Virginia	5.0%
11	Massachusetts	16.0%	36	Kentucky	4.9%
12	Kansas	15.9%	37	Missouri	3.7%
13	Oklahoma	15.3%	38	South Dakota	3.5%
14	Florida	15.2%	39	Ohio	3.5%
15	New Mexico	14.0%	40	Maryland	2.1%
16	North Dakota	14.0%	41	Illinois	2.0%
17	Arizona	13.6%	42	New York	1.1%
18	Oregon	12.8%	43	Indiana	-0.4%
19	South Carolina	12.0%	44	North Carolina	-0.7%
20	Idaho	11.9%	45	New Hampshire	-0.8%
21	Nebraska	11.4%	46	Georgia	-0.8%
22	Maine	10.1%	47	Virginia	-5.9%
23	Tennessee	9.5%	48	Vermont	-7.5%
24	Iowa	8.7%	49	Colorado	-17.3%
25	New Jersey	8.4%	50	Rhode Island	-19.7%
				U.S. Average	8.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Connecticut Exports Declined in 2003

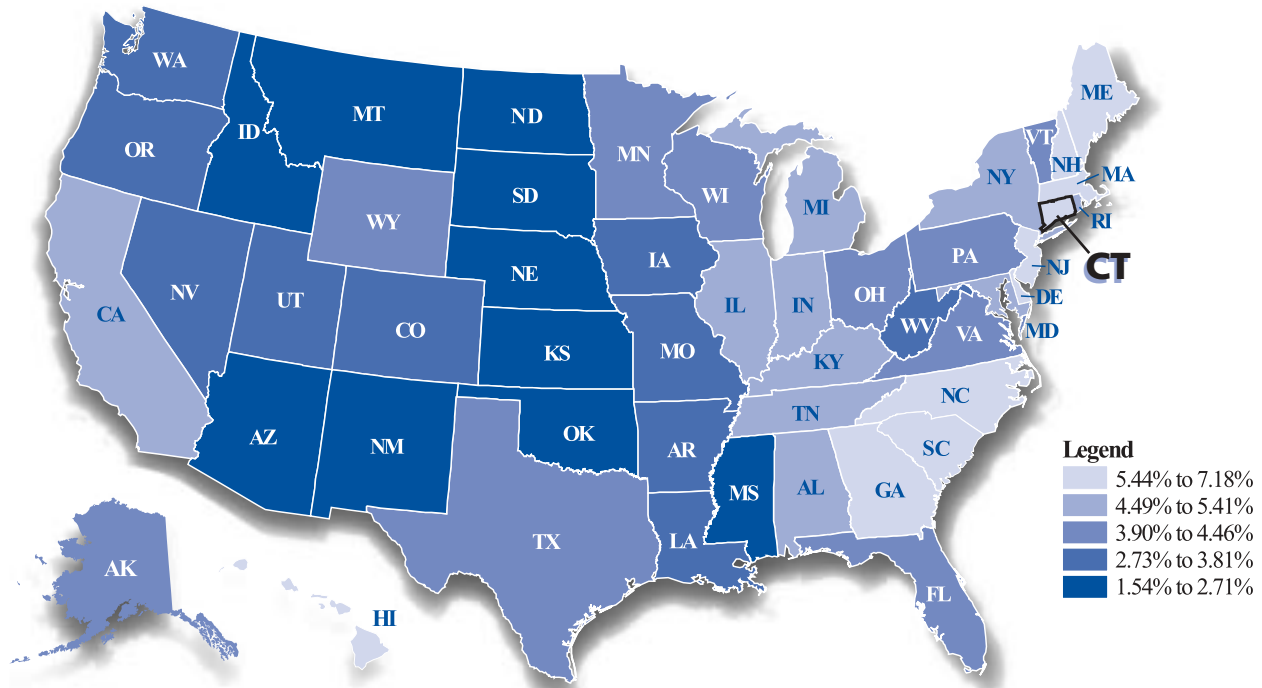


Percent Change in Merchandise Exports, 2002 to 2003

Rank	State	Change	Rank	State	Change
1	New Mexico	94.4%	26	Wyoming	5.1%
2	Nevada	72.7%	27	Rhode Island	5.0%
3	South Carolina	21.9%	28	Louisiana	4.7%
4	Georgia	13.0%	29	Vermont	4.2%
5	South Dakota	12.6%	30	New Hampshire	3.7%
6	Arizona	12.2%	31	Texas	3.6%
7	Massachusetts	11.7%	32	Pennsylvania	3.4%
8	Maine	10.9%	33	Illinois	3.1%
9	Colorado	10.6%	34	Oregon	2.7%
10	Maryland	10.4%	35	California	1.9%
11	Iowa	10.1%	36	Florida	1.7%
12	North Carolina	10.1%	37	Kentucky	1.2%
13	Indiana	9.9%	38	Alabama	0.9%
14	Oklahoma	8.8%	39	Virginia	0.5%
15	Alaska	8.8%	40	North Dakota	-0.6%
16	Tennessee	8.5%	41	New Jersey	-1.1%
17	Minnesota	8.3%	42	Washington	-1.3%
18	Nebraska	7.8%	43	Connecticut	-2.1%
19	Wisconsin	7.7%	44	Michigan	-2.5%
20	Ohio	7.4%	45	Delaware	-5.9%
21	Idaho	6.5%	46	Montana	-6.3%
22	Missouri	6.5%	47	Kansas	-8.7%
23	West Virginia	6.4%	48	Utah	-9.4%
24	New York	6.0%	49	Mississippi	-16.3%
25	Arkansas	5.7%	50	Hawaii	-28.3%
				U.S. Average	4.4%

Source: Office of Trade and Economic Analysis (OTEA), Trade Development, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

Connecticut Is the Leader in Employment by Foreign Investors

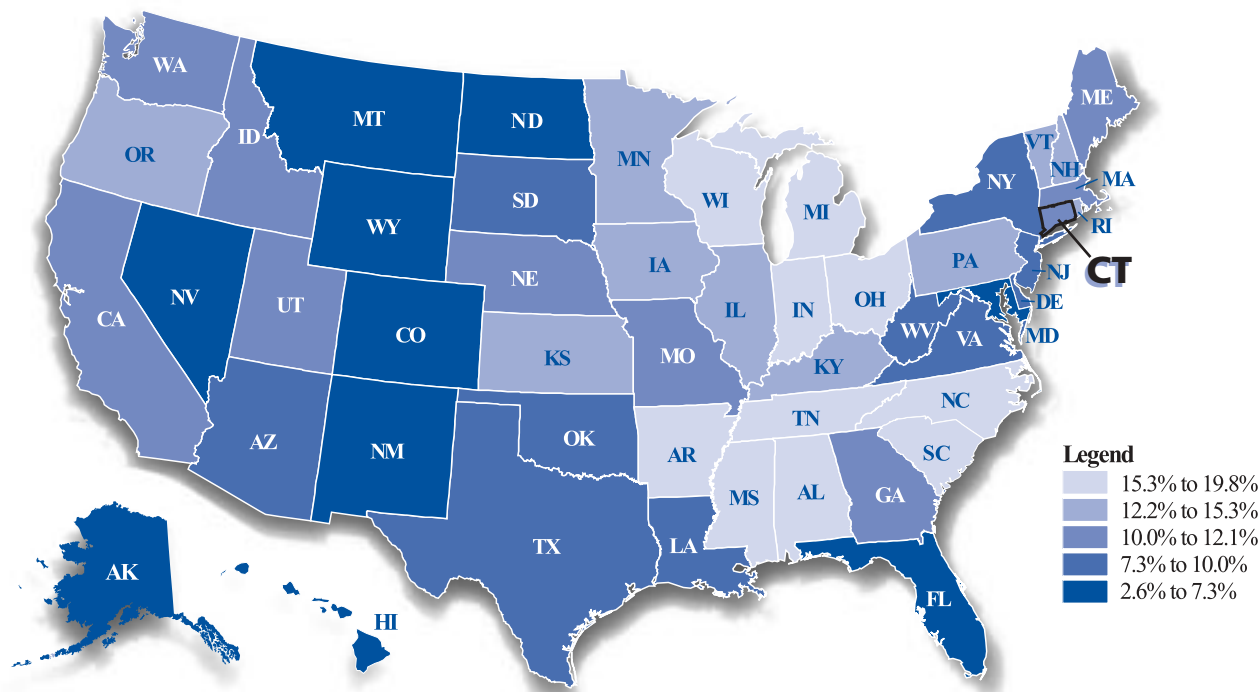


Percentage of Workforce Employed by Foreign Affiliates, 2002

Rank	State	Share	Rank	State	Share
1	Connecticut	7.18%	26	Alaska	4.20%
2	South Carolina	7.05%	27	Ohio	4.18%
3	Hawaii	6.97%	28	Texas	4.10%
4	New Jersey	6.44%	29	Florida	3.98%
5	New Hampshire	6.31%	30	Minnesota	3.90%
6	Massachusetts	6.09%	31	Colorado	3.81%
7	Delaware	5.74%	32	Missouri	3.76%
8	North Carolina	5.71%	33	Washington	3.44%
9	Maine	5.62%	34	Oregon	3.34%
10	Georgia	5.44%	35	West Virginia	3.23%
11	Tennessee	5.41%	36	Arkansas	3.19%
12	Indiana	5.28%	37	Utah	3.11%
13	Kentucky	5.28%	38	Louisiana	3.10%
14	New York	5.26%	39	Iowa	3.03%
15	Illinois	5.19%	40	Nevada	2.73%
16	California	4.82%	41	Arizona	2.71%
17	Michigan	4.79%	42	Kansas	2.63%
18	Alabama	4.64%	43	Idaho	2.59%
19	Rhode Island	4.59%	44	North Dakota	2.55%
20	Maryland	4.49%	45	Oklahoma	2.54%
21	Wisconsin	4.46%	46	Mississippi	2.48%
22	Virginia	4.44%	47	Nebraska	2.25%
23	Pennsylvania	4.42%	48	South Dakota	1.91%
24	Vermont	4.28%	49	New Mexico	1.83%
25	Wyoming	4.24%	50	Montana	1.54%
				U.S. Average	4.55%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis with CERC calculations

Manufacturing Employment Is Significant in Connecticut



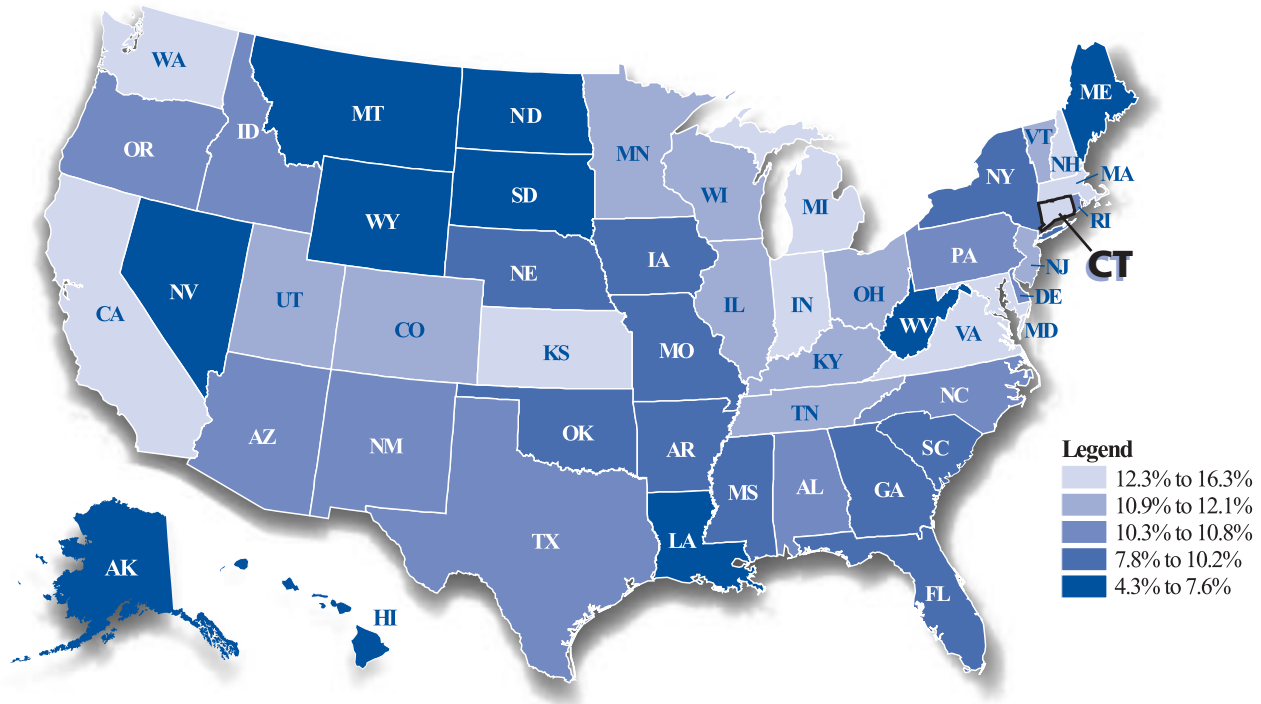
Manufacturing Share of Total Employment, 2003 (NAICS*)

Rank	State	Share	Rank	State	Share
1	Indiana	19.8%	26	California	10.7%
2	Wisconsin	19.0%	27	Maine	10.5%
3	Arkansas	18.0%	28	Utah	10.4%
4	Michigan	16.5%	29	Massachusetts	10.2%
5	Mississippi	16.0%	30	Washington	10.0%
6	North Carolina	15.9%	31	South Dakota	10.0%
7	Alabama	15.7%	32	Oklahoma	9.9%
8	Ohio	15.7%	33	Texas	9.6%
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21	Connecticut	12.1%	46	New Mexico	4.7%
22	Georgia	11.7%	47	Nevada	4.0%
23	Missouri	11.7%	48	Alaska	3.9%
24	Nebraska	11.3%	49	Wyoming	3.7%
25	Idaho	10.8%	50	Hawaii	2.6%
				U.S. Average	11.2%

* North American Industry Classification System
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics with CERC calculations

Note: Wisconsin's manufacturing employment is for 2002.

Connecticut Is a Leader in High Tech Employment

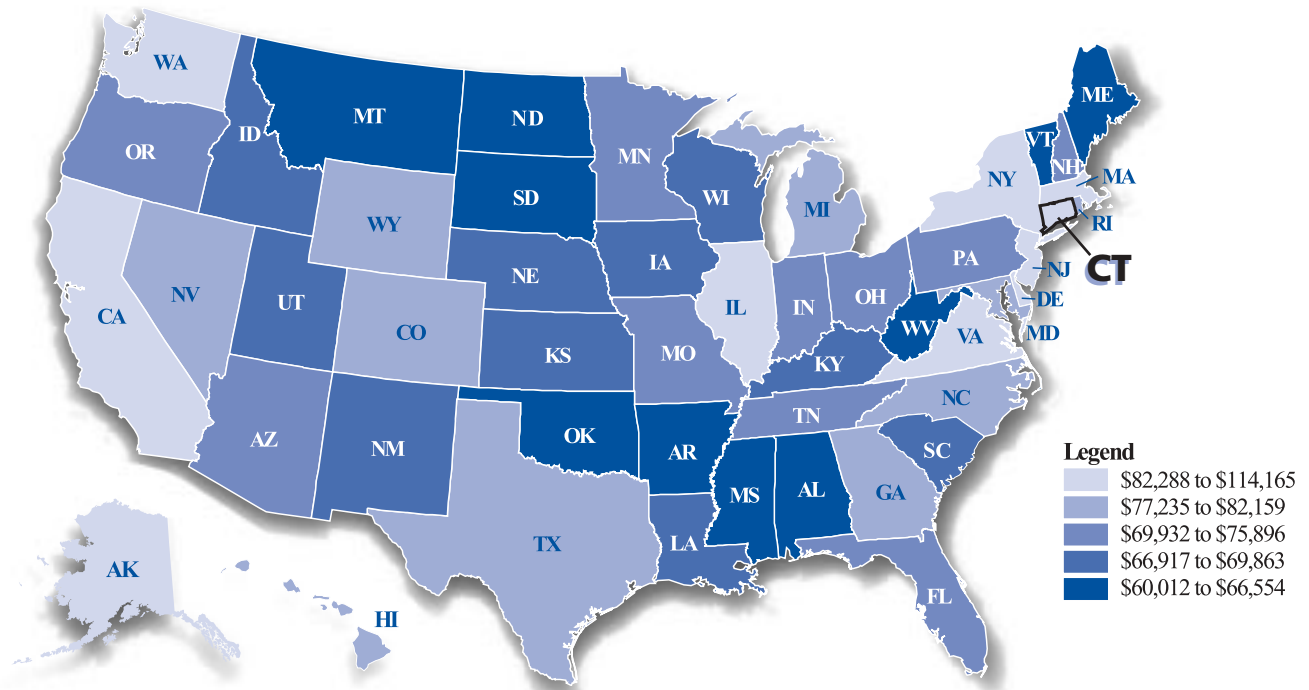


High-Tech Share of Private Nonfarm Employment, 2003

Rank	State	Share	Rank	State	Share
1	Michigan	16.3%	26	Alabama	10.5%
2	Indiana	14.2%	27	Oregon	10.5%
3	Massachusetts	14.1%	28	Pennsylvania	10.5%
4	Connecticut	14.0%	29	New Mexico	10.4%
5	Virginia	13.4%	30	Arizona	10.3%
6	Washington	12.9%	31	Missouri	10.2%
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8	Kansas	12.7%	33	Iowa	10.0%
9	New Hampshire	12.5%	34	Georgia	9.6%
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12	Ohio	12.1%	37	Arkansas	9.3%
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14	New Jersey	11.7%	39	Mississippi	7.8%
15	Illinois	11.6%	40	Florida	7.8%
16	Kentucky	11.4%	41	Louisiana	7.6%
17	Vermont	11.3%	42	South Dakota	7.6%
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19	Wisconsin	11.0%	44	West Virginia	7.0%
20	Minnesota	10.9%	45	Maine	6.4%
21	Rhode Island	10.8%	46	Wyoming	5.6%
22	Texas	10.8%	47	Montana	5.6%
23	Idaho	10.8%	48	Nevada	5.5%
24	North Carolina	10.7%	49	Alaska	5.3%
25	Delaware	10.6%	50	Hawaii	4.3%
				U.S. Average	11.3%

Source: Economy.com

Connecticut Workers Are Among the Most Productive Worldwide

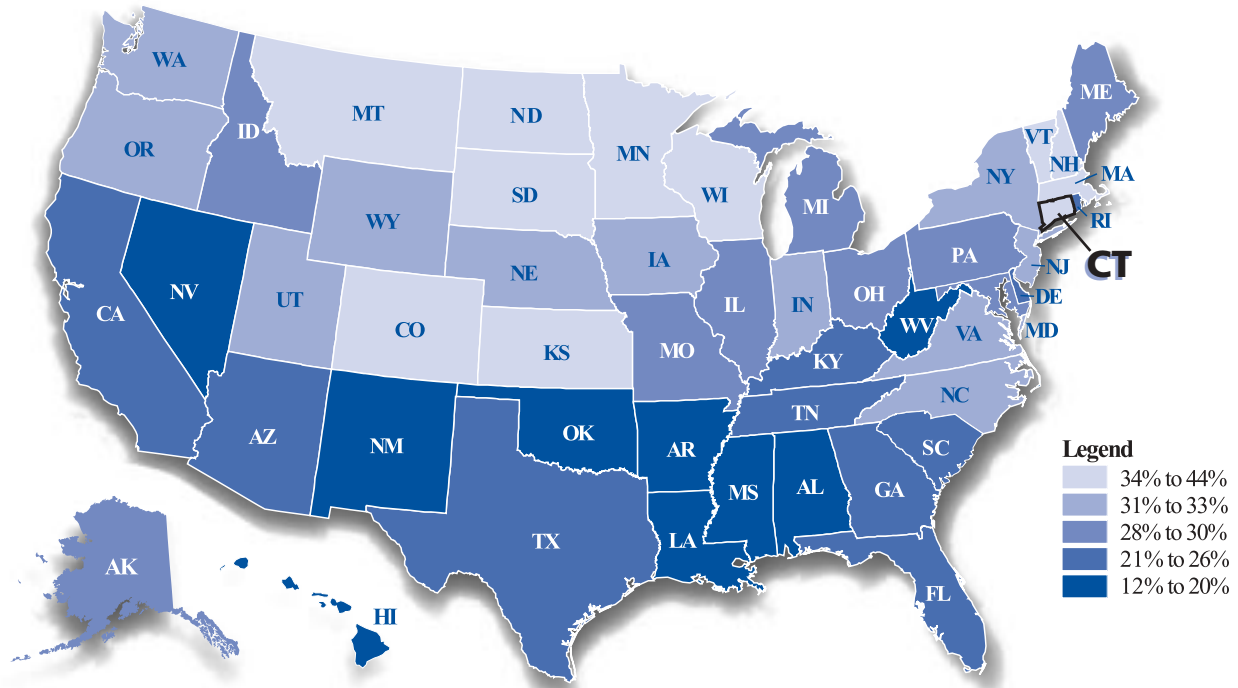


Gross State Product per Worker, 2002

Rank	State	GSP/Worker	Rank	State	GSP/Worker
1	Delaware	\$114,165	26	Florida	\$72,245
2	Alaska	\$100,467	27	Tennessee	\$71,308
3	Connecticut	\$99,379	28	Ohio	\$71,289
4	New Jersey	\$95,190	29	Indiana	\$70,881
5	California	\$94,483	30	Missouri	\$69,932
6	New York	\$93,846	31	New Mexico	\$69,863
7	Massachusetts	\$88,675	32	Louisiana	\$69,262
8	Washington	\$87,677	33	Wisconsin	\$68,611
9	Illinois	\$82,473	34	Kentucky	\$68,463
10	Virginia	\$82,288	35	Utah	\$68,035
11	Colorado	\$82,159	36	Idaho	\$67,980
12	Texas	\$82,048	37	Iowa	\$67,887
13	Wyoming	\$81,960	38	South Carolina	\$67,655
14	Maryland	\$81,646	39	Nebraska	\$67,280
15	Hawaii	\$79,204	40	Kansas	\$66,917
16	Michigan	\$78,481	41	Alabama	\$66,554
17	Georgia	\$78,313	42	South Dakota	\$66,181
18	North Carolina	\$78,128	43	Vermont	\$65,368
19	Nevada	\$77,346	44	Maine	\$64,421
20	Rhode Island	\$77,235	45	Oklahoma	\$64,222
21	Pennsylvania	\$75,896	46	Arkansas	\$62,667
22	Arizona	\$75,845	47	West Virginia	\$62,115
23	Minnesota	\$75,495	48	Mississippi	\$61,351
24	New Hampshire	\$75,122	49	Montana	\$60,109
25	Oregon	\$73,229	50	North Dakota	\$60,012
				U.S. Average	\$79,824

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and Bureau of Labor Statistics

Connecticut Students Excel in National Education Tests

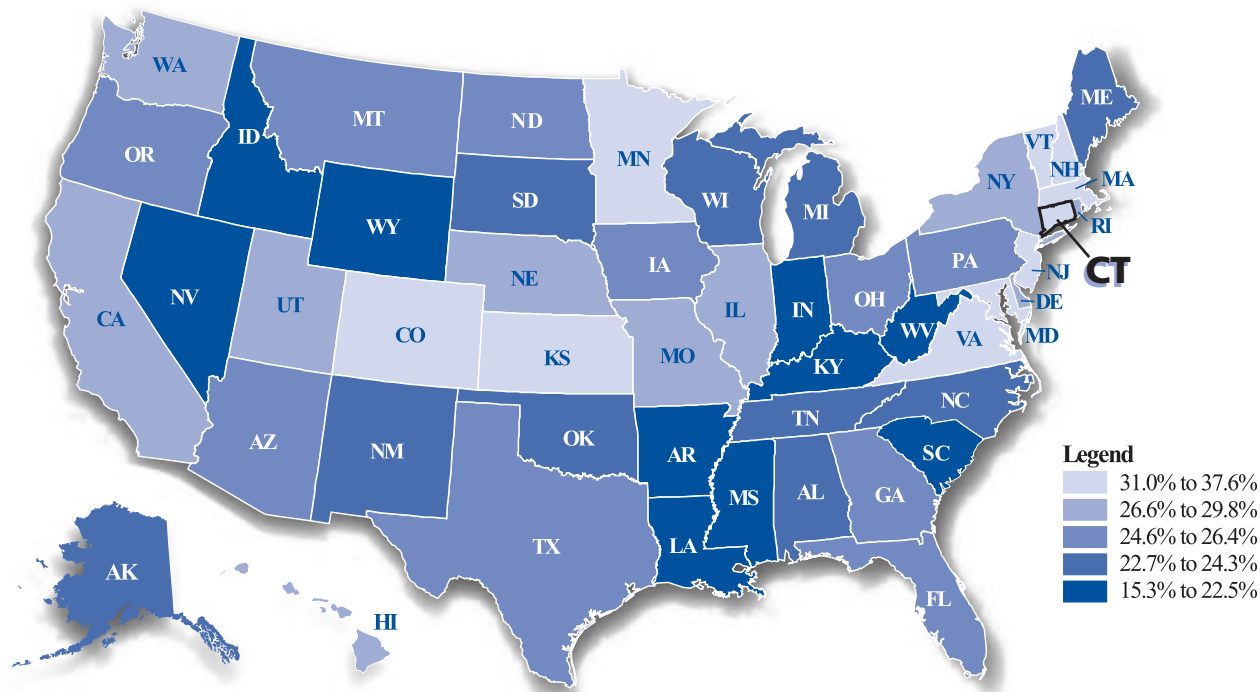


Eighth Grade NAEP Math Proficiency Percentage, 2003

Rank	State	Proficient and Advanced	Rank	State	Proficient and Advanced
1	Minnesota	44%	23	Pennsylvania	30%
2	Massachusetts	38%	27	Illinois	29%
3	North Dakota	36%	27	Maine	29%
4	Connecticut	35%	29	Idaho	28%
4	Montana	35%	29	Michigan	28%
4	New Hampshire	35%	29	Missouri	28%
4	South Dakota	35%	32	Delaware	26%
4	Vermont	35%	32	South Carolina	26%
4	Wisconsin	35%	34	Texas	25%
10	Colorado	34%	35	Kentucky	24%
10	Kansas	34%	35	Rhode Island	24%
12	Iowa	33%	37	Florida	23%
12	New Jersey	33%	38	California	22%
14	Nebraska	32%	38	Georgia	22%
14	New York	32%	40	Arizona	21%
14	North Carolina	32%	40	Tennessee	21%
14	Oregon	32%	42	Nevada	20%
14	Washington	32%	42	Oklahoma	20%
14	Wyoming	32%	42	West Virginia	20%
20	Indiana	31%	45	Arkansas	19%
20	Utah	31%	46	Hawaii	17%
20	Virginia	31%	46	Louisiana	17%
23	Alaska	30%	48	Alabama	16%
23	Maryland	30%	49	New Mexico	15%
23	Ohio	30%	50	Mississippi	12%
				U.S. Average	27%

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

Connecticut Has a Highly Educated Workforce

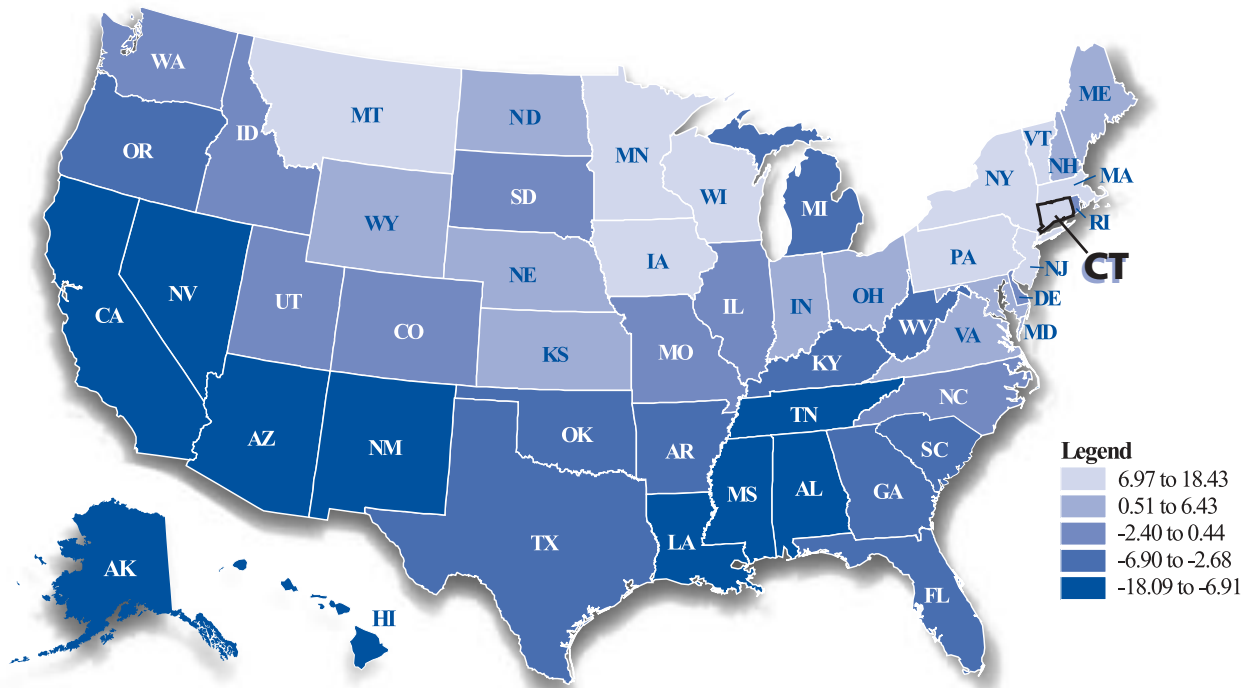


Percentage of Adult Population Graduated from College, 2003

Rank	State	College Grads	Rank	State	College Grads
1	Massachusetts	37.6%	25	Ohio	25.0%
2	Maryland	37.2%	27	Montana	24.9%
3	Colorado	36.0%	28	Pennsylvania	24.8%
4	Virginia	34.2%	29	Texas	24.7%
5	New Hampshire	34.0%	30	Iowa	24.6%
6	Connecticut	33.5%	31	Oklahoma	24.3%
7	New Jersey	33.4%	32	Wisconsin	24.1%
8	Minnesota	32.7%	33	Alaska	24.0%
9	Vermont	31.3%	34	South Dakota	23.9%
10	Kansas	31.0%	35	North Carolina	23.8%
11	California	29.8%	36	Maine	23.7%
12	New York	29.6%	36	New Mexico	23.7%
13	Washington	28.8%	38	Tennessee	23.5%
14	Utah	28.4%	39	Michigan	23.3%
15	Delaware	28.1%	40	Alabama	22.7%
15	Illinois	28.1%	41	Idaho	22.5%
17	Rhode Island	27.6%	42	Louisiana	22.3%
18	Hawaii	27.0%	42	South Carolina	22.3%
19	Nebraska	26.8%	44	Indiana	22.2%
20	Missouri	26.6%	45	Kentucky	21.3%
21	Oregon	26.4%	46	Nevada	21.2%
22	Arizona	26.0%	47	Wyoming	20.7%
23	Florida	25.8%	48	Mississippi	19.3%
24	North Dakota	25.2%	49	Arkansas	17.4%
25	Georgia	25.0%	50	West Virginia	15.3%
				U.S. Average	27.2%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Connecticut Is One of the Nation's Smartest States

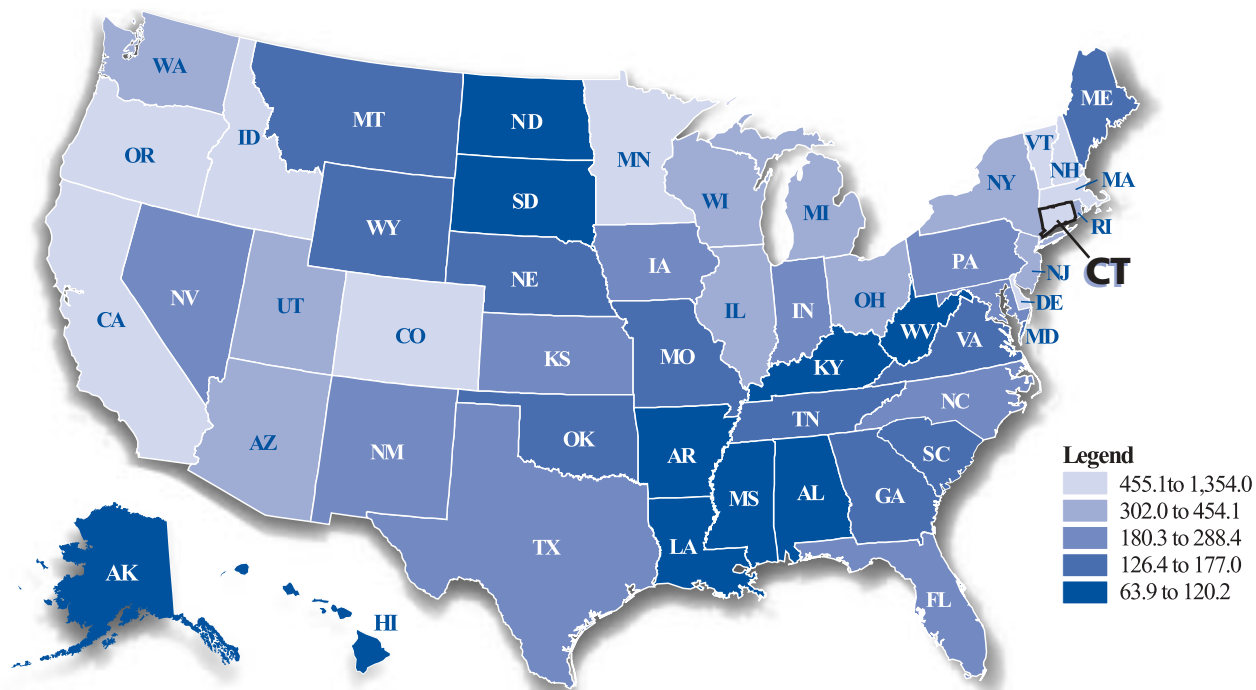


Morgan Quitno's 2004-2005 Smartest State (score on 21 education factors)

Rank	State	Sum	Rank	State	Sum
1	Massachusetts	18.43	26	Missouri	-0.50
2	Connecticut	15.78	27	Delaware	-0.72
3	Vermont	14.77	28	Utah	-0.85
4	New Jersey	14.42	29	Idaho	-2.37
5	Wisconsin	9.62	30	Washington	-2.40
6	New York	9.07	31	Michigan	-2.68
7	Minnesota	7.96	32	South Carolina	-3.27
8	Iowa	7.80	33	Texas	-3.31
9	Pennsylvania	7.57	33	West Virginia	-3.31
10	Montana	6.97	35	Oregon	-3.38
11	Maine	6.43	36	Arkansas	-4.12
12	Virginia	5.91	37	Kentucky	-5.19
13	Nebraska	4.94	38	Georgia	-5.78
14	New Hampshire	3.72	39	Florida	-6.63
15	Kansas	3.54	40	Oklahoma	-6.90
16	Wyoming	3.51	41	Tennessee	-6.91
17	Indiana	2.44	42	Hawaii	-6.93
18	Maryland	2.29	43	California	-7.61
19	North Dakota	1.27	44	Alabama	-11.28
20	Ohio	0.51	45	Alaska	-12.00
21	Colorado	0.44	46	Louisiana	-12.83
22	South Dakota	0.13	47	Mississippi	-15.30
23	Rhode Island	0.07	48	Arizona	-17.05
24	Illinois	-0.32	49	Nevada	-17.33
25	North Carolina	-0.40	50	New Mexico	-18.09
				U.S. Average	NA

Source: Morgan Quitno Corporation, 2004 State Rankings

Connecticut Is a Leader in New Ideas

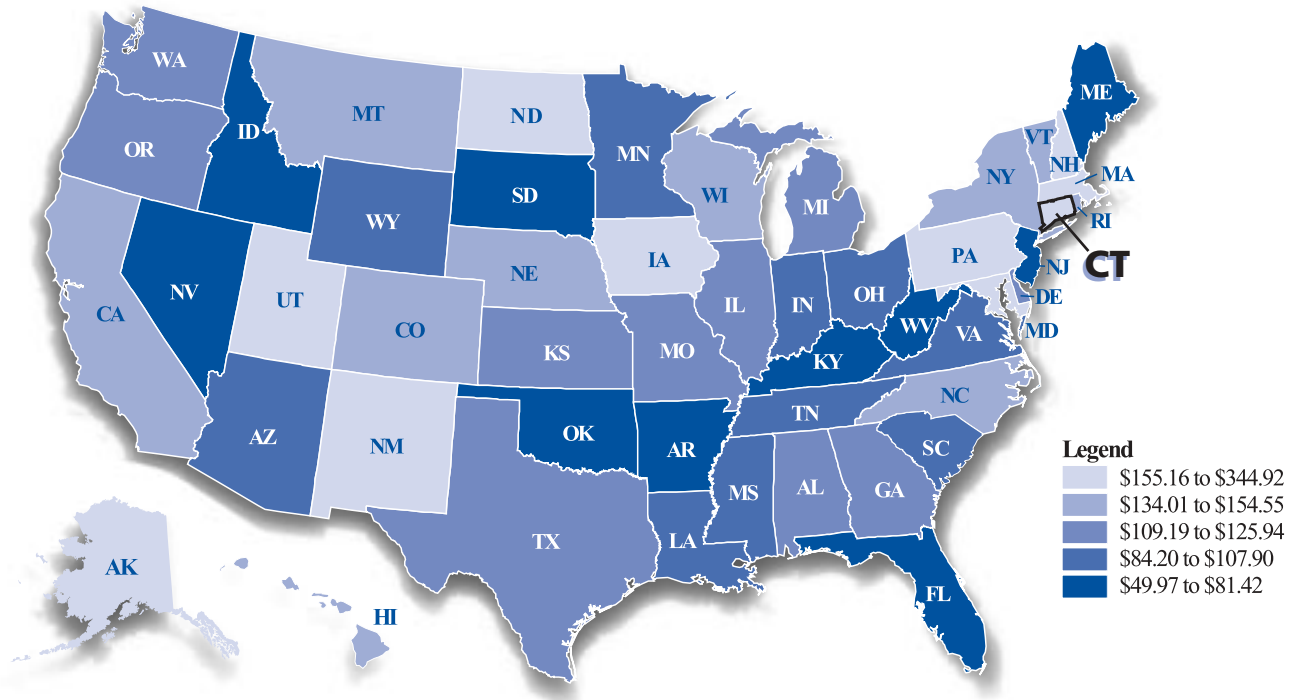


Patents Issued per One Million Population, 2003

Rank	State	Patents	Rank	State	Patents
1	Idaho	1,354.0	26	Iowa	241.5
2	Vermont	751.1	27	New Mexico	216.0
3	Massachusetts	651.6	28	Nevada	203.0
4	Minnesota	644.7	29	Florida	183.3
5	California	622.2	30	Kansas	180.3
6	New Hampshire	567.7	31	Georgia	177.0
7	Connecticut	529.4	32	Virginia	169.2
8	Oregon	524.5	33	Wyoming	167.6
9	Colorado	506.3	34	Tennessee	166.9
10	Delaware	455.1	35	Missouri	165.8
11	New Jersey	454.1	36	Oklahoma	160.3
12	Michigan	418.7	37	South Carolina	156.7
13	Washington	410.3	38	Nebraska	138.0
14	Wisconsin	380.5	39	Montana	136.2
15	New York	360.7	40	Maine	126.4
16	Ohio	340.5	41	Kentucky	120.2
17	Illinois	313.3	42	South Dakota	116.4
18	Utah	307.9	43	Alabama	102.0
19	Arizona	307.1	44	North Dakota	97.8
20	Rhode Island	302.0	45	Louisiana	97.6
21	Texas	288.4	46	West Virginia	77.9
22	Pennsylvania	287.5	47	Hawaii	76.3
23	Maryland	286.6	48	Alaska	66.3
24	Indiana	271.0	49	Arkansas	64.6
25	North Carolina	258.6	50	Mississippi	63.9
				U.S. Average	339.0

Source: U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

Connecticut Is a Center for Research and Development

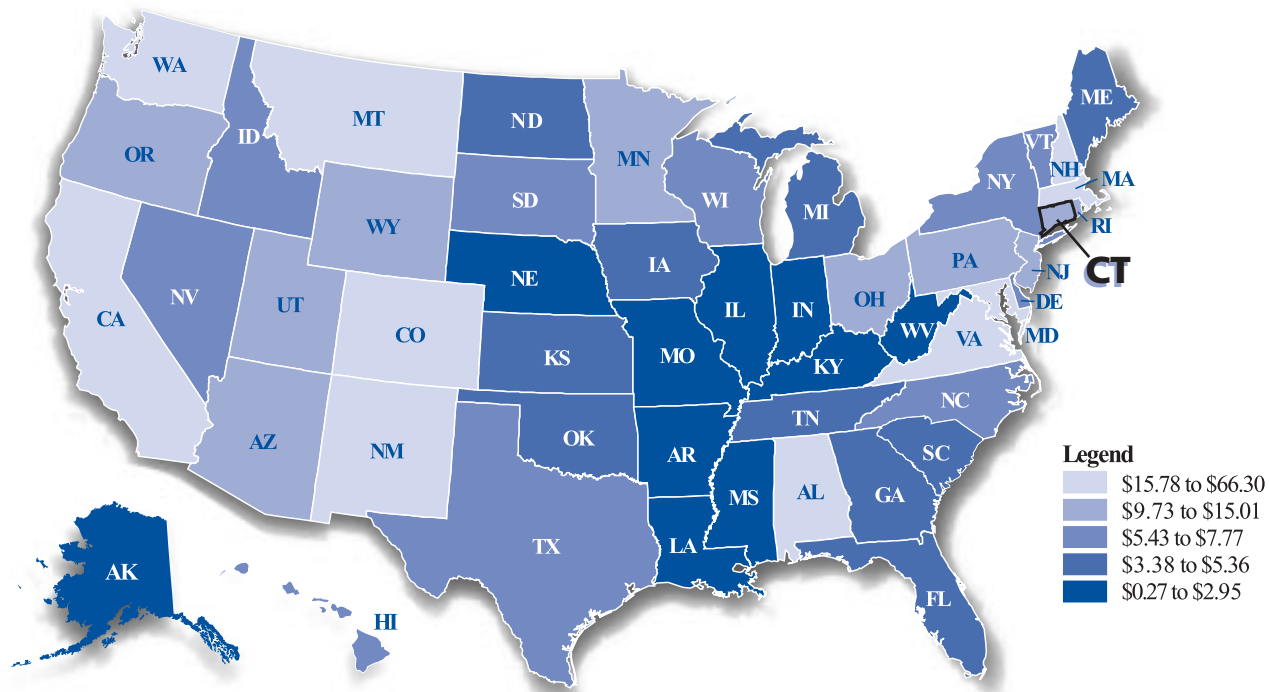


University R&D Expenditures per Capita, 2002

Rank	State	Expenditures	Rank	State	Expenditures
1	Maryland	\$344.92	26	Illinois	\$114.49
2	Massachusetts	\$265.66	27	Alabama	\$112.30
3	Alaska	\$201.10	28	Kansas	\$110.63
4	New Hampshire	\$172.63	29	Oregon	\$109.93
5	North Dakota	\$167.22	30	Delaware	\$109.19
6	Iowa	\$165.54	31	Louisiana	\$107.90
7	New Mexico	\$158.20	32	Indiana	\$105.73
8	Connecticut	\$155.55	33	Minnesota	\$100.30
9	Utah	\$155.25	34	Mississippi	\$99.42
10	Pennsylvania	\$155.16	35	Ohio	\$97.91
11	Nebraska	\$154.55	36	Arizona	\$97.59
12	North Carolina	\$153.75	37	South Carolina	\$97.47
13	Rhode Island	\$152.58	38	Virginia	\$95.23
14	Wisconsin	\$148.17	39	Tennessee	\$84.80
15	Vermont	\$146.01	40	Wyoming	\$84.20
16	New York	\$144.98	41	Kentucky	\$81.42
17	Colorado	\$143.30	42	Oklahoma	\$80.81
18	California	\$139.48	43	New Jersey	\$79.65
19	Hawaii	\$139.44	44	Idaho	\$69.24
20	Montana	\$134.01	45	Florida	\$65.06
21	Georgia	\$125.94	46	Nevada	\$58.59
22	Missouri	\$124.53	47	West Virginia	\$53.74
23	Washington	\$123.29	48	Maine	\$53.29
24	Michigan	\$122.77	49	Arkansas	\$51.73
25	Texas	\$116.62	50	South Dakota	\$49.97
				U.S. Average	\$124.99

Source: National Science Foundation

Connecticut's Small Businesses Are Innovative

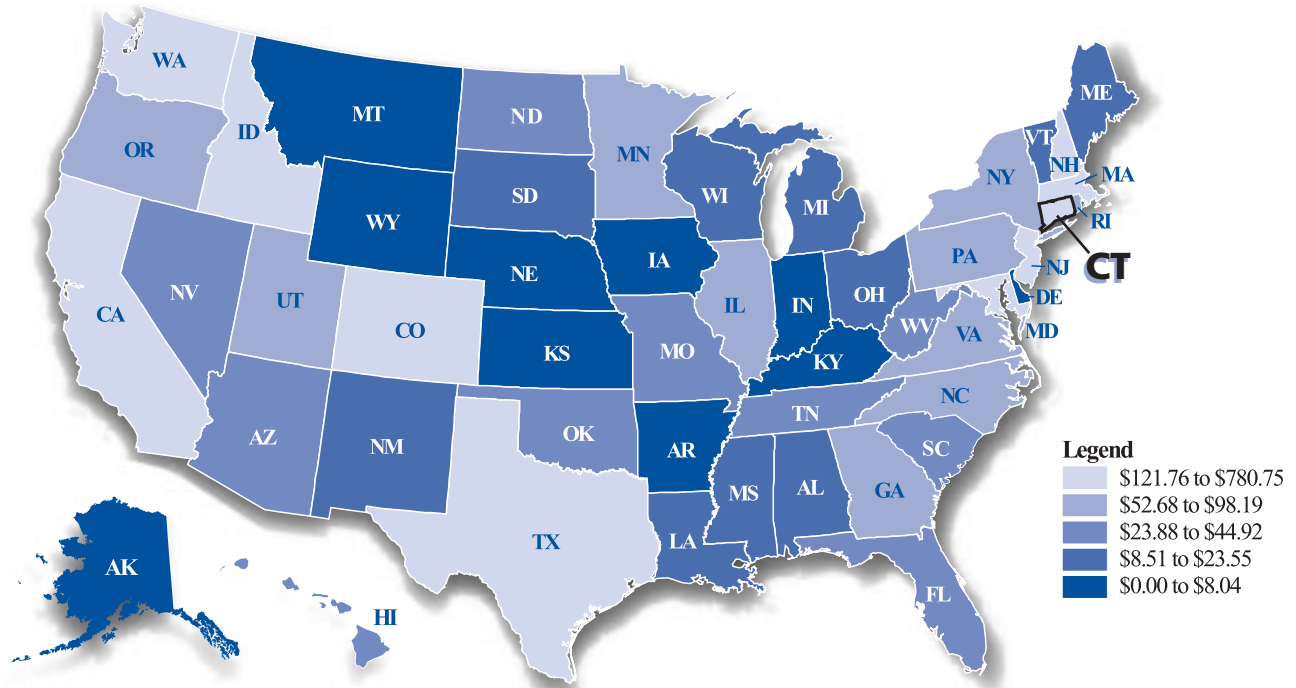


Federal Small Business Innovation Research Grants per Worker, 2002

Rank	State	Grants	Rank	State	Grants
1	Massachusetts	\$66.30	26	Hawaii	\$6.20
2	Colorado	\$34.02	27	North Carolina	\$6.03
3	New Hampshire	\$31.39	28	South Dakota	\$5.73
4	Maryland	\$29.99	29	Texas	\$5.67
5	Virginia	\$25.68	30	Wisconsin	\$5.43
6	New Mexico	\$25.56	31	Michigan	\$5.36
7	California	\$20.70	32	Maine	\$4.38
8	Montana	\$17.34	33	North Dakota	\$4.13
9	Washington	\$16.29	34	Florida	\$4.10
10	Alabama	\$15.78	35	Tennessee	\$3.86
11	Arizona	\$15.01	36	Kansas	\$3.83
12	Utah	\$14.62	37	Iowa	\$3.74
13	Connecticut	\$14.06	38	South Carolina	\$3.68
14	Wyoming	\$12.82	39	Georgia	\$3.67
15	Oregon	\$11.81	40	Oklahoma	\$3.38
16	New Jersey	\$11.70	41	Indiana	\$2.95
17	Ohio	\$11.67	42	Mississippi	\$2.86
18	Rhode Island	\$11.32	43	Illinois	\$2.83
19	Minnesota	\$10.08	44	Missouri	\$2.58
20	Pennsylvania	\$9.73	45	Kentucky	\$2.45
21	Vermont	\$7.77	46	Nebraska	\$2.07
22	Idaho	\$7.61	47	Arkansas	\$1.77
23	New York	\$7.41	48	West Virginia	\$1.73
24	Nevada	\$6.91	49	Louisiana	\$1.71
25	Delaware	\$6.48	50	Alaska	\$0.27
				U.S. Average	\$11.51

Source: U.S. Small Business Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics, with CERC calculations

Venture Capital Is Readily Available to Connecticut Investors

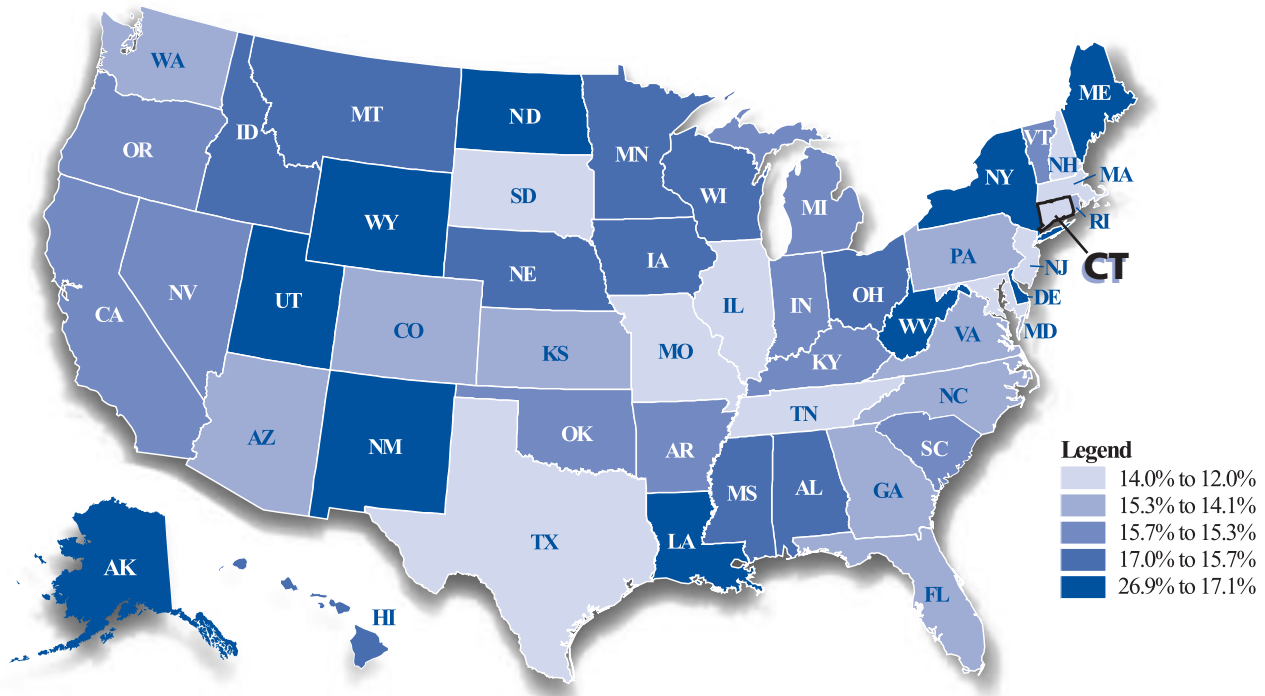


Venture Capital Disbursement per Worker, 2003

Rank	State	Venture Capital	Rank	State	Venture Capital
1	Massachusetts	\$780.75	26	Arizona	\$28.92
2	California	\$531.69	27	Hawaii	\$27.50
3	Colorado	\$288.97	28	West Virginia	\$27.26
4	New Hampshire	\$253.00	29	South Carolina	\$25.49
5	New Jersey	\$203.60	30	Tennessee	\$23.88
6	Connecticut	\$154.09	31	Michigan	\$23.55
7	Washington	\$144.81	32	Maine	\$21.28
8	Maryland	\$137.08	33	Mississippi	\$18.63
9	Idaho	\$129.07	34	Ohio	\$17.27
10	Texas	\$121.76	35	Vermont	\$16.08
11	Virginia	\$98.19	36	Wisconsin	\$15.87
12	North Carolina	\$96.84	37	Alabama	\$13.23
13	Pennsylvania	\$96.19	38	Louisiana	\$13.06
14	Utah	\$94.15	39	South Dakota	\$9.25
15	Georgia	\$89.20	40	New Mexico	\$8.51
16	Rhode Island	\$87.45	41	Indiana	\$8.04
17	New York	\$77.46	42	Kentucky	\$4.04
18	Minnesota	\$76.87	43	Iowa	\$2.92
19	Oregon	\$63.38	44	Arkansas	\$1.05
20	Illinois	\$52.68	45	Montana	\$0.75
21	Missouri	\$44.92	46	Nebraska	\$0.66
22	North Dakota	\$43.60	47	Alaska	\$0.00
23	Oklahoma	\$39.23	47	Delaware	\$0.00
24	Nevada	\$35.13	47	Kansas	\$0.00
25	Florida	\$31.57	47	Wyoming	\$0.00
				U.S. Average	\$139.11

Source: National Venture Capital Association/Venture Economics, 2004 Yearbook, with CERC calculations

The Cost of Government Is Low in Connecticut

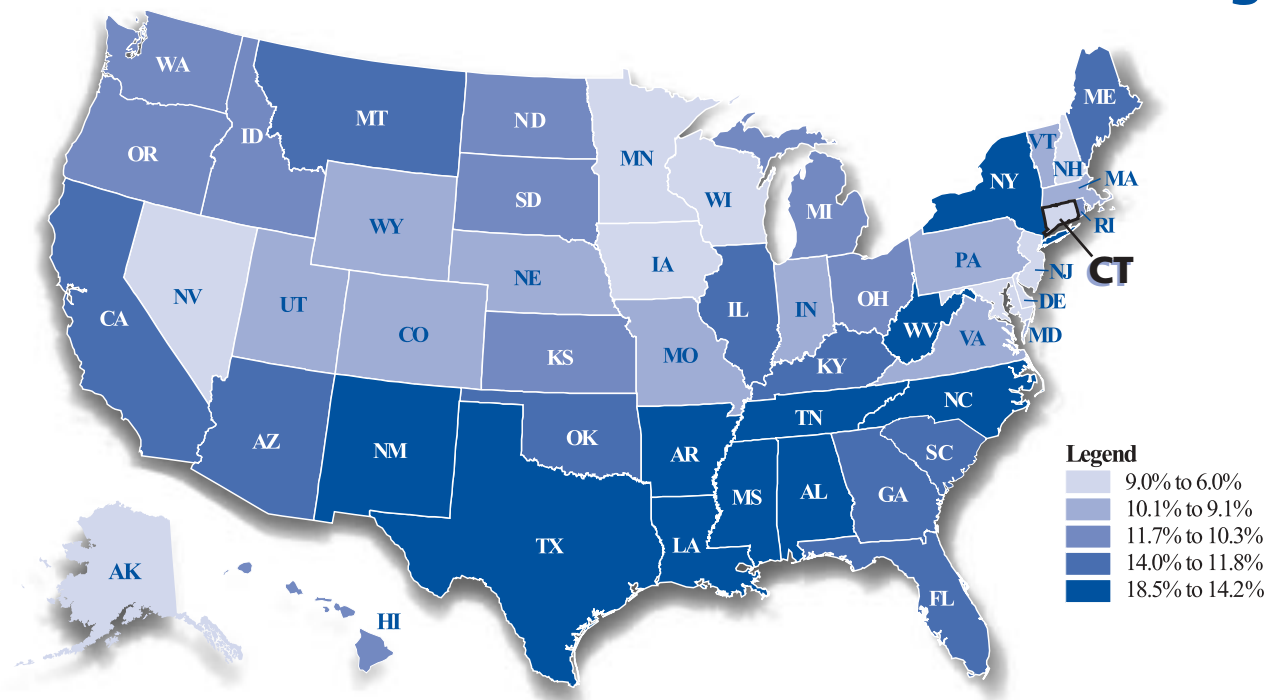


State and Local Government Own Source Revenue as a Percent of Personal Income, 2001

Rank	State	Gov't Revenue	Rank	State	Gov't Revenue
1	New Hampshire	12.0%	26	Arkansas	15.5%
2	Connecticut	12.8%	27	Kentucky	15.6%
3	Tennessee	12.9%	28	Vermont	15.6%
4	Massachusetts	13.2%	29	South Carolina	15.6%
5	South Dakota	13.5%	30	California	15.7%
6	Illinois	13.7%	31	Alabama	15.7%
7	Missouri	13.8%	32	Idaho	15.8%
8	Maryland	13.9%	33	Ohio	15.9%
9	New Jersey	13.9%	34	Nebraska	15.9%
10	Texas	14.0%	35	Montana	16.2%
11	Virginia	14.1%	36	Wisconsin	16.4%
12	Arizona	14.3%	37	Iowa	16.5%
13	Colorado	14.5%	38	Minnesota	16.6%
14	Georgia	14.6%	39	Hawaii	16.7%
15	Florida	15.0%	40	Mississippi	17.0%
16	Kansas	15.0%	41	West Virginia	17.1%
17	Pennsylvania	15.0%	42	North Dakota	17.3%
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20	Rhode Island	15.3%	45	Maine	17.7%
21	Oregon	15.3%	46	Utah	17.8%
22	Michigan	15.4%	47	Louisiana	17.9%
23	Nevada	15.4%	48	Delaware	18.5%
24	Indiana	15.4%	49	Wyoming	20.5%
25	Oklahoma	15.5%	50	Alaska	26.9%
				U.S. Average	15.2%

Source: PSNH, 2004 New Hampshire Economic Review

Connecticut's Poverty Rate Is Well Below the National Average

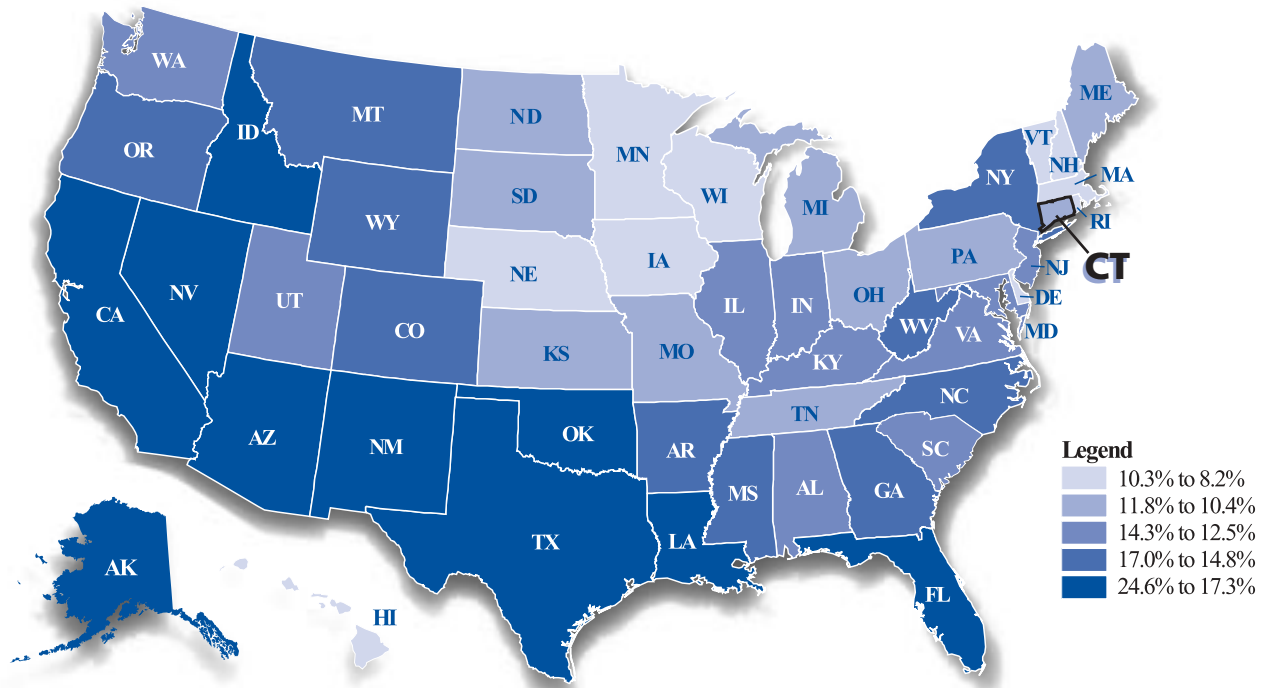


Percentage of Population in Poverty, 2001-2003 (3-year average)

Rank	State	Rate	Rank	State	Rate
1	New Hampshire	6.0%	26	South Dakota	10.9%
2	Minnesota	7.1%	27	Idaho	11.0%
3	Delaware	7.7%	28	Washington	11.4%
3	Maryland	7.7%	29	North Dakota	11.7%
5	Connecticut	7.9%	29	Oregon	11.7%
6	New Jersey	8.2%	31	Illinois	11.8%
7	Iowa	8.5%	31	Maine	11.8%
8	Wisconsin	8.8%	33	Georgia	12.0%
9	Alaska	9.0%	34	Florida	12.7%
9	Nevada	9.0%	35	California	12.9%
11	Wyoming	9.1%	36	Kentucky	13.7%
12	Indiana	9.2%	37	Arizona	13.9%
13	Virginia	9.3%	38	Montana	14.0%
14	Colorado	9.4%	38	Oklahoma	14.0%
14	Vermont	9.4%	38	South Carolina	14.0%
16	Massachusetts	9.7%	41	New York	14.2%
17	Utah	9.8%	41	North Carolina	14.2%
18	Nebraska	9.9%	43	Tennessee	14.3%
18	Pennsylvania	9.9%	44	Alabama	15.1%
20	Missouri	10.1%	45	Texas	15.8%
21	Kansas	10.3%	46	Louisiana	16.9%
22	Ohio	10.4%	46	West Virginia	16.9%
23	Hawaii	10.7%	48	Mississippi	17.9%
23	Rhode Island	10.7%	49	New Mexico	18.0%
25	Michigan	10.8%	50	Arkansas	18.5%
				U.S. Average	12.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey

Nine Out of Ten Connecticut Residents Have Health Insurance

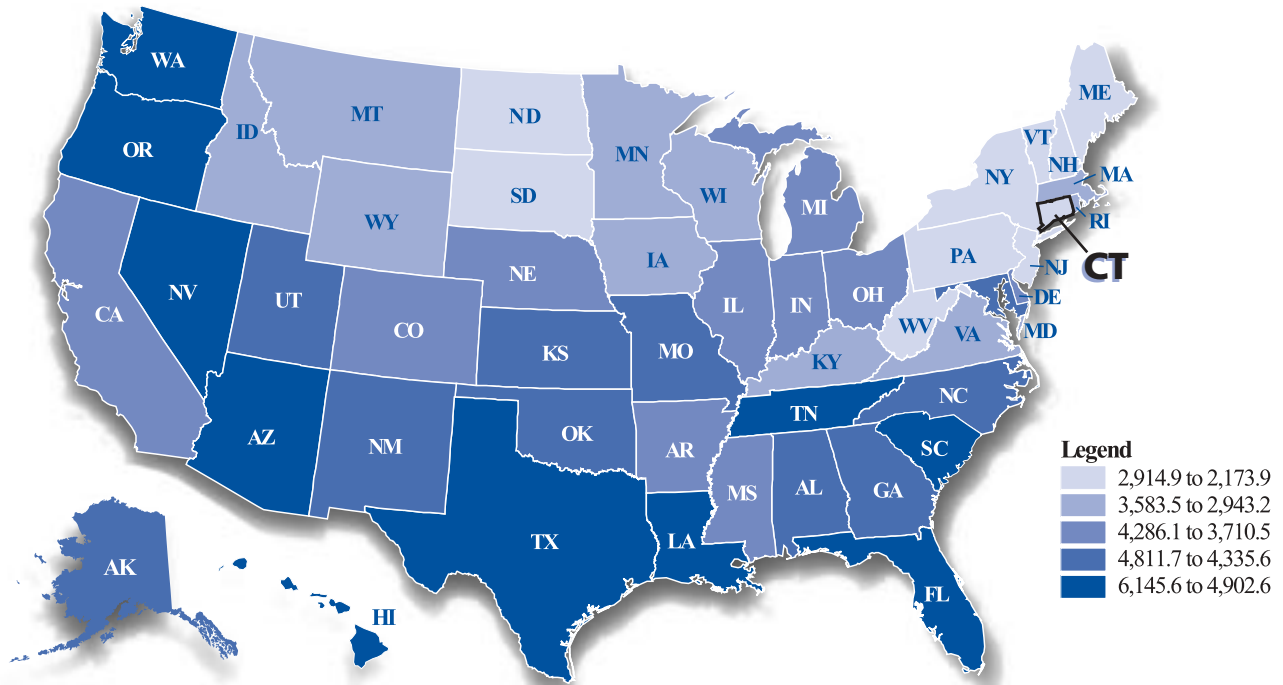


Percentage of Population Not Covered by Health Insurance, 2003

Rank	State	Not Covered	Rank	State	Not Covered
1	Minnesota	8.2%	25	Kentucky	13.3%
2	Rhode Island	9.3%	27	Utah	13.6%
3	Iowa	9.5%	28	New Jersey	13.7%
3	Wisconsin	9.5%	29	Illinois	14.0%
5	Massachusetts	9.6%	30	Washington	14.3%
6	Hawaii	9.9%	31	Oregon	14.8%
6	New Hampshire	9.9%	31	West Virginia	14.8%
6	Vermont	9.9%	33	New York	15.5%
9	Delaware	10.1%	34	Montana	16.1%
10	Nebraska	10.3%	34	North Carolina	16.1%
11	Connecticut	10.4%	36	Colorado	16.3%
12	North Dakota	10.5%	37	Georgia	16.4%
13	Maine	10.7%	38	Wyoming	16.5%
13	Pennsylvania	10.7%	39	Arkansas	16.6%
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21	Virginia	12.5%	46	California	18.7%
22	Indiana	12.9%	46	Oklahoma	18.7%
23	South Carolina	13.1%	48	Louisiana	19.4%
24	Maryland	13.2%	49	New Mexico	21.3%
25	Alabama	13.3%	50	Texas	24.6%
				U.S. Average	15.1%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Connecticut Is a Safe State



Crimes per 100,000 Population, 2003

Rank	State	Crimes	Rank	State	Crimes
1	North Dakota	2,173.9	26	California	4,003.5
2	South Dakota	2,175.0	27	Delaware	4,042.4
3	New Hampshire	2,202.7	28	Mississippi	4,045.9
4	Vermont	2,310.3	29	Arkansas	4,077.5
5	Maine	2,565.6	30	Colorado	4,286.1
6	West Virginia	2,616.9	31	Alaska	4,335.6
7	New York	2,713.4	32	Kansas	4,389.5
8	Pennsylvania	2,829.3	33	Utah	4,474.1
9	New Jersey	2,910.2	34	Alabama	4,478.6
10	Connecticut	2,914.9	35	Missouri	4,487.2
11	Kentucky	2,943.2	36	Maryland	4,505.4
12	Virginia	2,979.9	37	Georgia	4,708.5
13	Massachusetts	3,018.8	38	North Carolina	4,732.9
14	Wisconsin	3,103.7	39	New Mexico	4,788.8
15	Idaho	3,151.4	40	Oklahoma	4,811.7
16	Iowa	3,233.6	41	Nevada	4,902.6
17	Rhode Island	3,280.6	42	Louisiana	4,995.9
18	Minnesota	3,379.4	43	Tennessee	5,067.1
19	Montana	3,463.2	44	Oregon	5,077.8
20	Wyoming	3,583.5	45	Washington	5,101.9
21	Indiana	3,710.5	46	Texas	5,147.8
22	Michigan	3,788.5	47	Florida	5,182.3
23	Illinois	3,841.2	48	South Carolina	5,270.6
24	Ohio	3,973.7	49	Hawaii	5,507.8
25	Nebraska	4,000.4	50	Arizona	6,145.6
				U.S. Average	4,063.4

Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation

Population Change and Migration Trends

Immigration Is Aiding Population Growth in the Larger Northeastern States

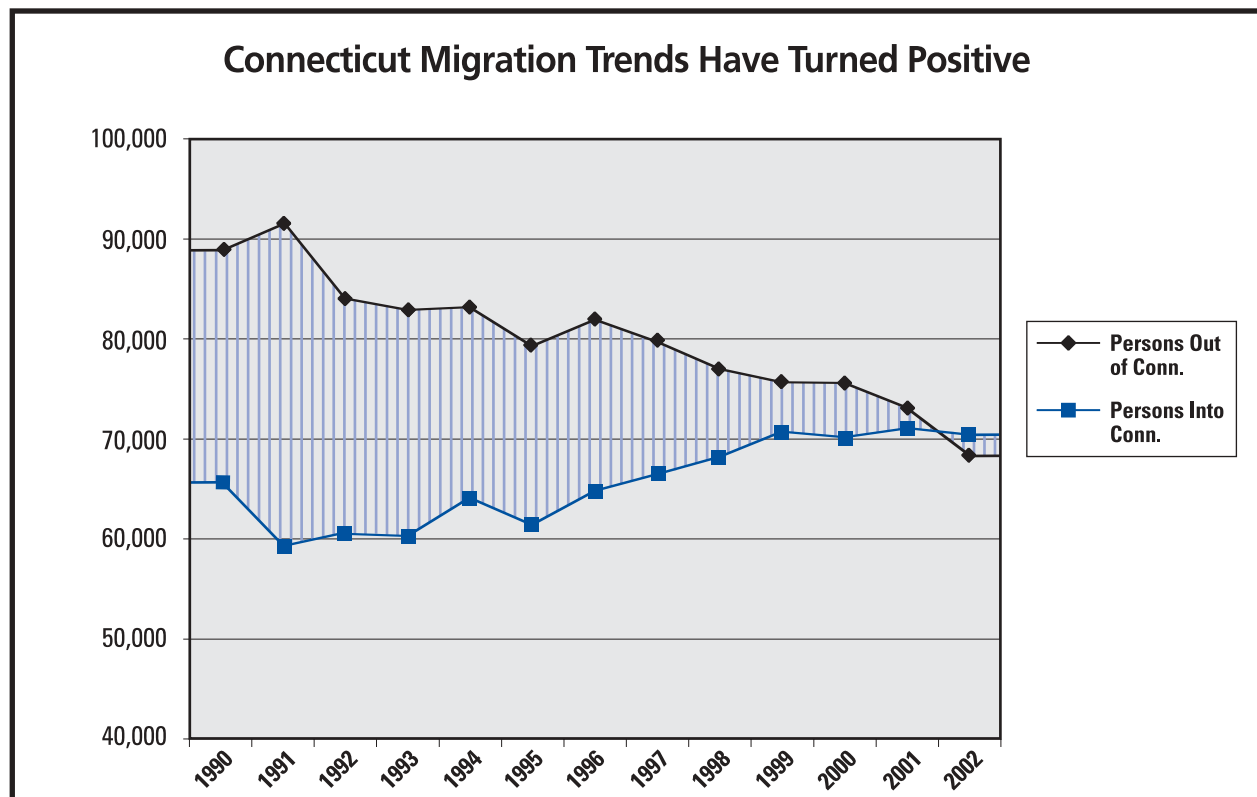
Components of Population Change: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2003

	Births	Deaths	Natural Increase (Births - Deaths)	Net International Migration	Net Internal Migration	Net Migration (International + Internal)
CONNECTICUT	137,197	97,971	39,226	50,574	(9,220)	41,354
Massachusetts	265,871	185,556	80,315	108,737	(102,905)	5,832
Rhode Island	40,114	31,964	8,150	12,549	8,024	20,573
Vermont	20,066	16,774	3,292	2,890	4,624	7,514
New Hampshire	47,194	32,188	15,006	7,454	29,628	37,082
Maine	43,434	40,920	2,514	3,126	25,722	28,848
New York	835,326	515,916	319,410	442,800	(551,672)	(108,872)
New Jersey	370,057	240,899	129,158	192,044	(92,699)	99,345
Pennsylvania	464,646	424,782	39,864	68,935	(16,472)	52,463
UNITED STATES	13,085,539	7,889,270	5,196,269	4,190,277	(X)	4,190,277

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

* Immigration and emigration (or net international migration) consist of moves where either the origin or the destination is outside of the United States (not including Puerto Rico).

* Internal in- and out-migration (or net internal migration) consist of moves where both the origin and the destination are within the United States (excluding Puerto Rico).



Source: Internal Revenue Service

Connecticut Key Economic Indicators, 1993-2003

ECONOMIC INDICATOR	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
Population (Thousands)	3,483	3,461	3,425	3,410	3,386	3,365	3,349	3,337	3,324	3,316	3,309
Civilian Labor Force (Thousands)	1,803	1,773	1,755	1,784	1,708	1,707	1,723	1,719	1,711	1,737	1,784
People Unemployed (Thousands)	99	77	57	40	54	57	88	99	94	97	112
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	4.3	3.3	2.2	3.2	3.4	5.1	5.7	5.5	5.6	6.3

Employment

Nonagricultural (Thousands)	1,643	1,665	1,681	1,693	1,669	1,643	1,613	1,584	1,562	1,544	1,531
Manufacturing (Thousands)	200	211	227	236	240	248	245	245	249	254	262
Non-manufacturing (Thousands)	1,444	1,454	1,454	1,457	1,429	1,395	1,368	1,339	1,313	1,290	1,269

Income (Current \$)

Personal (Millions)	\$150,801	\$147,856	\$147,323	\$141,413	\$130,579	\$124,880	\$116,421	\$109,354	\$104,315	\$99,788	\$96,866
Per Capita	\$43,292	\$42,727	\$43,013	\$41,446	\$38,560	\$37,108	\$34,759	\$32,773	\$31,381	\$30,092	\$29,272

Income (2000 \$)

Personal (Millions)	\$142,268	\$142,044	\$143,872	\$141,413	\$133,424	\$129,447	\$122,016	\$116,517	\$113,256	\$110,557	\$109,601
Real Per Capita	\$40,309	\$41,322	\$40,475	\$38,560	\$37,916	\$36,030	\$34,348	\$33,437	\$32,671	\$32,431	\$32,147

Gross State Product

Current \$ (Millions)	\$172,378	\$165,744	\$162,411	\$157,988	\$148,251	\$143,232	\$137,452	\$126,744	\$120,800	\$111,171	\$106,319
2000 \$ (Millions, chained index)	NA	\$158,936	\$158,778	\$157,988	\$151,037	\$148,351	\$136,976	\$128,760	\$125,126	\$118,017	\$115,805

New Housing Permits

Single-Family Structures	8,180	8,484	7,835	8,158	9,249	9,130	7,811	7,590	7,604	8,110	7,831
Multifamily Structures	2,255	1,247	1,455	1,218	1,388	2,733	1,500	947	946	1,350	1,416
All Structures	10,435	9,731	9,290	9,376	10,637	11,863	9,311	8,537	8,550	9,460	9,247

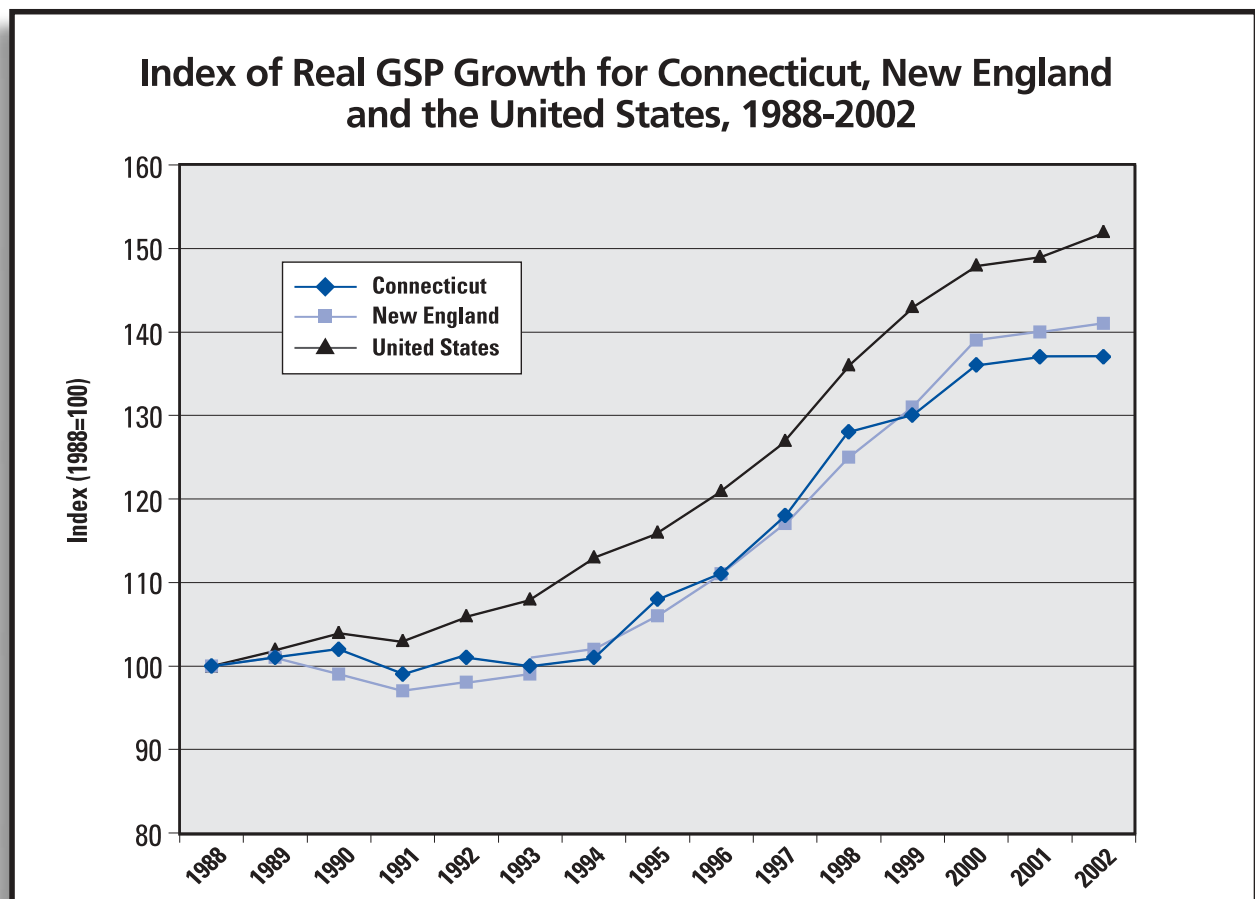
U.S. PRICE INDICES	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
U.S. Consumer Price Index (1982-84=100)	184.0	179.9	177.1	172.2	166.6	163.1	160.6	157.0	152.5	148.3	144.6
Percent Change	2.3%	1.6%	2.8%	3.4%	2.1%	1.6%	2.3%	2.9%	2.8%	2.6%	3.0%
Producer Price Index Crude Materials (1982=100)	135.3	108.1	121.0	120.6	98.2	96.8	111.2	113.7	102.7	101.7	102.4
Percent Change	25.2%	-10.7%	0.3%	22.8%	1.4%	-12.9%	-2.3%	10.7%	1.0%	-0.7%	2.0%
U.S. Implicit Price Deflator for GDP (2000=100)	106.0	104.1	102.4	100.0	97.9	96.5	95.4	93.9	92.1	90.3	88.4
Percent Change	1.8%	1.7%	2.4%	2.2%	1.4%	1.1%	1.7%	1.9%	2.0%	2.1%	2.3%

Real Gross State Product (GSP) Growth

Year	Connecticut		New England		United States	
	Value*	Index	Value*	Index	Value*	Index
2002	\$158,936	137	\$574,131	141	\$10,012,331	152
2001	\$158,778	137	\$569,615	140	\$9,807,600	149
2000	\$157,988	136	\$564,534	139	\$9,749,105	148
1999	\$151,037	130	\$530,662	131	\$9,407,886	143
1998	\$148,351	128	\$508,645	125	\$9,008,173	136
1997	\$136,976	118	\$474,209	117	\$8,413,478	127
1996	\$128,760	111	\$449,369	111	\$8,004,015	121
1995	\$125,126	108	\$431,304	106	\$7,682,295	116
1994	\$118,017	101	\$414,368	102	\$7,438,567	113
1993	\$115,805	100	\$400,819	99	\$7,146,094	108
1992	\$116,911	101	\$398,561	98	\$7,019,356	106
1991	\$115,647	99	\$392,351	97	\$6,824,374	103
1990	\$118,649	102	\$403,077	99	\$6,853,621	104
1989	\$118,017	101	\$410,416	101	\$6,746,381	102
1988	\$116,279	100	\$406,464	100	\$6,600,144	100

* 2000 \$, Millions, chained index

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, Connecticut Economic Resource Center



Employment/Unemployment Trends

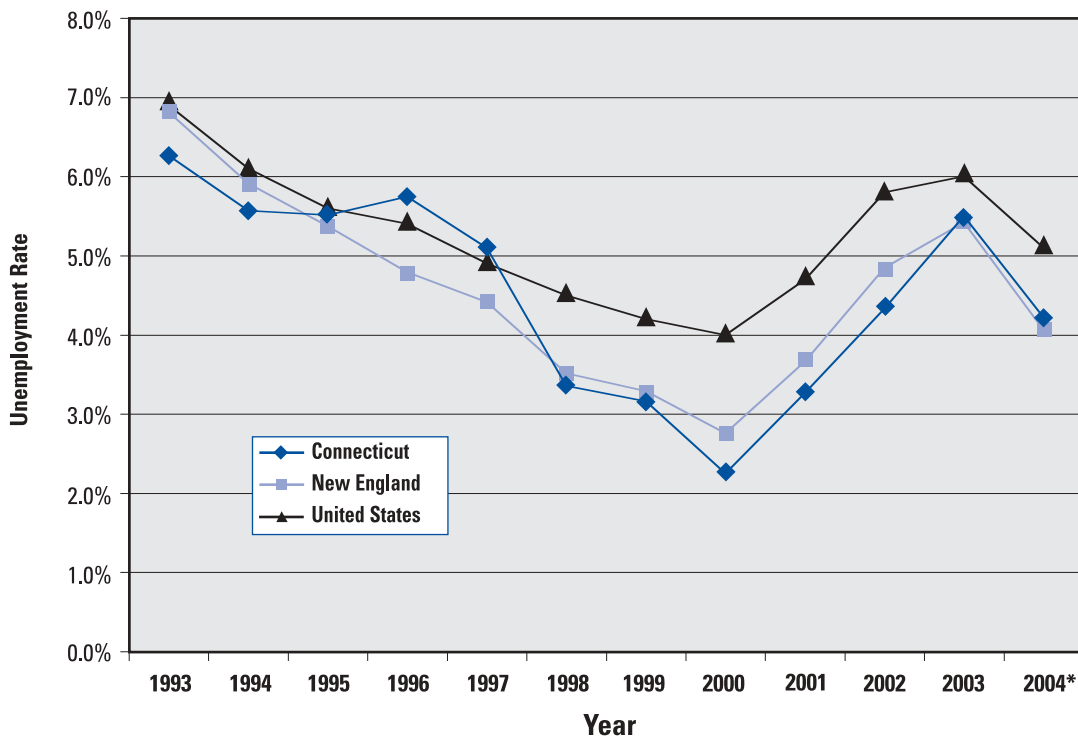
Level of Non-Agricultural Employment in New England and the United States for 1993, 1998 and 2003

	Employment *			Percent Change		
	2003	1998	1993	1993-03	1998-03	1993-98
CONNECTICUT	1,643.2	1,643.4	1,531.1	7.3%	0.0%	7.3%
Maine	606.1	569.1	519.3	16.7%	6.5%	9.6%
Massachusetts	3,186.3	3,178.6	2,840.1	12.2%	0.2%	11.9%
New Hampshire	616.6	588.9	502.4	22.7%	4.7%	17.2%
Rhode Island	483.7	458.0	430.0	12.5%	5.6%	6.5%
Vermont	298.6	285.0	257.4	16.0%	4.8%	10.7%
NEW ENGLAND	6,834.5	6,723.0	6,080.3	12.4%	1.7%	10.6%
UNITED STATES	129,931.0	125,930.0	110,844.0	17.2%	3.2%	13.6%

* Thousands

Source: PSNH, "2004 New Hampshire Economic Review"

Unemployment Rate in Connecticut, New England and the United States, 1993-2004



* October 2004

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Personal and Per Capita Income Trends By Region

Personal Income in Connecticut, New England and the United States, 1993, 1998 and 2003

	Personal Income* 2003	Personal Income* 1998	Personal Income* 1993	Increase 1993-03	Increase 1998-03	Increase 1993-98
CONNECTICUT	\$150,801	\$123,918	\$95,882	57.3%	21.7%	29.2%
Maine	\$37,781	\$29,710	\$23,156	63.2%	27.2%	28.3%
Massachusetts	\$253,528	\$203,987	\$152,578	66.2%	24.3%	33.7%
New Hampshire	\$44,686	\$35,149	\$25,273	76.8%	27.1%	39.1%
Rhode Island	\$34,369	\$27,501	\$21,913	56.8%	25.0%	25.5%
Vermont	\$18,904	\$14,788	\$11,257	67.9%	27.8%	31.4%
NEW ENGLAND	\$540,069	\$435,052	\$330,058	63.6%	24.1%	31.8%
Middle Atlantic	\$1,434,145	\$1,204,729	\$938,692	52.8%	19.0%	28.3%
East North Central	\$1,423,692	\$1,207,487	\$918,620	55.0%	17.9%	31.4%
West North Central	\$594,716	\$492,324	\$364,761	63.0%	20.8%	35.0%
South Atlantic	\$1,663,798	\$1,309,657	\$966,196	72.2%	27.0%	35.5%
East South Central	\$460,900	\$373,302	\$281,323	63.8%	23.5%	32.7%
West South Central	\$919,717	\$732,286	\$528,133	74.1%	25.6%	38.7%
Mountain	\$559,801	\$426,631	\$290,308	92.8%	31.2%	47.0%
Pacific	\$1,551,841	\$1,234,241	\$930,029	66.9%	25.7%	32.7%
UNITED STATES	\$9,148,680	\$7,415,709	\$5,548,121	64.9%	23.4%	33.7%

*Millions of Dollars

Per Capita Income in Connecticut, New England and the United States, 1993, 1998 and 2003

	Per Capita Income 2003	Per Capita Income 1998	Per Capita Income 1993	Increase 1993-03	Increase 1998-03	Increase 1993-98
CONNECTICUT	\$43,292	\$36,822	\$28,975	49.4%	17.6%	27.1%
Maine	\$28,935	\$23,596	\$18,639	55.2%	22.6%	26.6%
Massachusetts	\$39,408	\$32,524	\$25,176	56.5%	21.2%	29.2%
New Hampshire	\$34,703	\$29,147	\$22,376	55.1%	19.1%	30.3%
Rhode Island	\$31,937	\$26,670	\$21,586	48.0%	19.7%	23.6%
Vermont	\$30,534	\$24,629	\$19,485	56.7%	24.0%	26.4%
NEW ENGLAND	\$34,802	\$28,898	\$22,706	53.3%	20.4%	27.3%
Middle Atlantic	\$36,001	\$30,877	\$24,568	46.5%	16.6%	25.7%
East North Central	\$30,775	\$26,670	\$20,964	46.8%	15.4%	27.2%
West North Central	\$29,747	\$25,143	\$19,456	52.9%	18.3%	29.2%
South Atlantic	\$32,227	\$26,792	\$21,620	49.1%	20.3%	23.9%
East South Central	\$26,134	\$21,901	\$17,465	49.6%	19.3%	25.4%
West South Central	\$26,494	\$22,303	\$17,837	48.5%	18.8%	25.0%
Mountain	\$28,407	\$23,797	\$19,086	48.8%	19.4%	24.7%
Pacific	\$31,863	\$27,198	\$22,798	39.8%	17.2%	19.3%
UNITED STATES	\$31,459	\$26,883	\$21,346	47.4%	17.0%	25.9%

Source: PSNH, "2004 New Hampshire Economic Review"

County Information

County	2002 Per Capita Income	2003 Unemployment Rate	2003 Employment (by place of work*)	2003-04 Equalized Net Grand List Per Capita	2003 Median Home Price
Fairfield	\$59,727	4.8%	411,751	\$213,322	\$325,000
Hartford	38,579	6.2%	478,151	95,876	165,000
Litchfield	38,309	5.1%	62,546	133,320	168,900
Middlesex	38,854	4.8%	66,839	125,298	189,000
New Haven	35,339	6.0%	356,347	95,356	164,500
New London	35,106	4.8%	128,390	113,903	172,000
Tolland	33,496	4.4%	37,908	86,368	165,000
Windham	28,526	6.2%	37,324	72,319	138,500
CONNECTICUT	\$42,468	5.5%	1,625,932	\$129,937	\$189,900

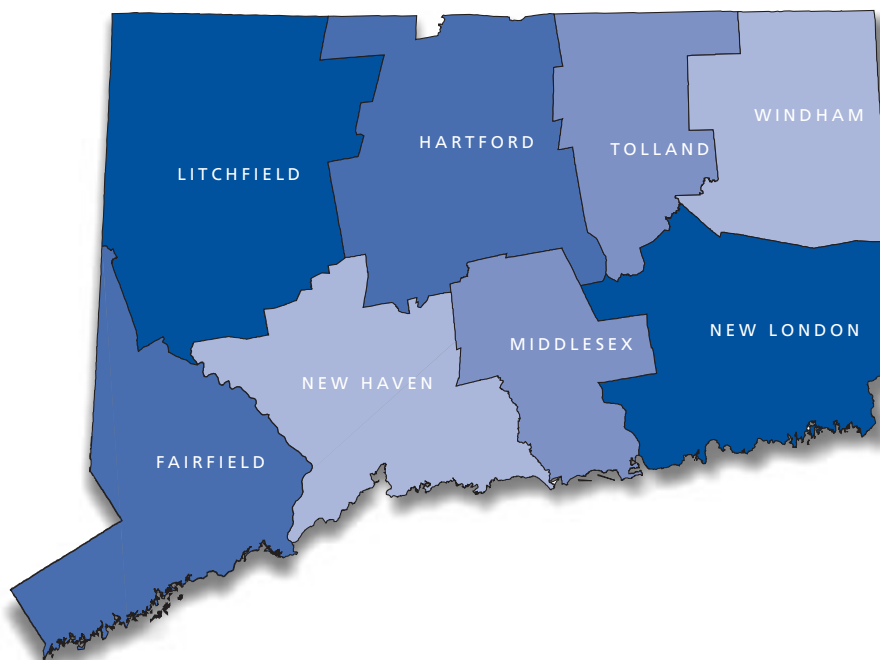
* Some employment is unclassified by location.

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, CT Department of Labor, CT Office of Policy and Management, Warren Group

Connecticut's Population by County, 1980-2003

County	2003	2000	1990	1980	Change 1980-2000	Change 2000-2003
Fairfield	899,152	882,567	827,645	807,143	9.3%	1.9%
Hartford	871,457	857,183	851,783	807,769	6.1%	1.7%
Litchfield	187,801	182,193	174,092	156,768	16.2%	3.1%
Middlesex	161,439	155,071	143,196	129,017	20.2%	4.1%
New Haven	841,873	824,008	804,219	761,337	8.2%	2.2%
New London	263,989	259,088	254,957	238,410	8.7%	1.9%
Tolland	145,039	136,364	128,699	114,823	18.8%	6.4%
Windham	112,622	109,091	102,525	92,313	18.2%	3.2%
CONNECTICUT	3,483,372	3,405,565	3,287,116	3,107,580	9.6%	2.3%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau



Connecticut Employment by Industry, 1994-2004 (000's), NAICS

	2004*	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994
TOTAL NONFARM EMPLOYMENT	1,642.1	1,643.2	1,664.9	1,681.1	1,693.2	1,669.1	1,643.4	1,612.5	1,583.6	1,561.5	1,543.8
CONSTRUCTION, NATURAL RESOURCES & MINING	62.5	62.0	64.2	66.1	65.4	61.6	59.3	56.5	53.2	51.1	49.9
MANUFACTURING	195.1	199.5	211.2	226.7	235.7	240.2	247.8	245.4	245.3	248.5	253.5
Durable	144.3	147.4	156.3	168.5	175.2	179.1	186.8	184.2	184.3	185.8	190.4
Fabricated Metal Products	32.8	33.3	35.0	38.0	40.4	40.9	42.5	41.5	41.5	41.0	40.0
Machinery	17.7	18.5	20.3	22.4	23.7	23.9	25.4	25.4	24.7	24.8	24.9
Computer and Electronic Products	14.9	15.9	17.9	20.9	22.5	22.4	23.7	23.5	22.7	22.9	23.0
Electrical Equipment	10.7	10.7	11.4	12.7	12.8	12.8	13.8	13.6	13.0	13.0	13.4
Transportation Equipment	42.5	43.3	45.3	46.9	46.9	49.8	52.2	51.4	53.6	55.5	59.9
Aerospace Products and Parts	29.6	30.3	32.1	32.9	32.5	34.8	36.4	35.2	35.0	35.4	39.8
Nondurable	50.8	52.1	54.8	58.2	60.5	61.1	61.1	61.2	61.1	62.7	63.0
Printing and Related Activities	7.6	8.0	8.8	10.1	10.8	11.4	11.8	12.0	12.1	12.1	12.0
Chemicals	17.3	17.6	18.6	19.8	20.1	19.4	18.3	17.7	17.1	16.9	17.1
Plastics and Rubber Products	8.2	8.1	8.3	8.7	8.8	8.7	8.9	8.9	9.0	9.5	9.2
TRADE, TRANSPORTATION, UTILITIES	305.6	305.1	309.2	312.2	317.5	312.2	308.6	302.6	299.2	294.8	290.7
Wholesale Trade	65.4	65.4	66.0	67.4	68.2	66.1	66.4	64.7	64.2	63.7	62.5
Retail Trade	191.3	191.1	194.2	194.5	197.4	194.7	191.7	189.0	184.9	181.8	178.9
Motor Vehicle and Parts Dealers	22.5	22.5	22.4	22.0	21.9	21.7	21.1	20.8	20.4	20.1	20.0
Building Materials and Garden Supplies	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.0	14.6	14.1	13.3	12.3	11.6	11.4	11.3
Food and Beverage Stores	43.9	44.3	45.5	46.1	46.6	48.0	47.5	46.8	46.0	44.2	43.5
General Merchandise Stores	23.8	23.8	24.3	24.2	25.5	23.6	24.3	26.2	25.5	25.9	25.0
Utilities	8.6	8.8	9.0	9.2	9.6	9.7	9.8	9.5	9.7	9.9	10.2
Transportation and Warehousing	40.2	39.7	39.9	41.1	42.2	41.6	40.6	39.3	40.2	39.3	39.0
INFORMATION	39.1	39.5	41.0	44.7	46.4	44.7	44.3	44.5	43.3	41.5	40.4
Telecommunications	14.0	14.2	14.9	16.2	16.3	15.2	14.8	15.4	14.5	14.1	14.0
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	143.3	143.4	142.6	142.9	143.0	140.8	137.0	130.1	128.6	132.4	135.6
Finance and Insurance	122.9	123.1	122.2	121.9	121.2	119.9	116.6	110.1	109.0	113.2	116.9
Credit Intermediation	32.8	32.9	32.0	32.3	32.7	33.0	32.3	29.4	29.2	30.8	33.1
Securities and Commodity Contracts	18.0	17.4	17.2	16.8	15.9	14.4	13.4	11.4	10.2	9.7	9.1
Insurance Carriers	55.1	55.9	55.9	55.7	55.1	55.5	53.5	51.1	50.5	51.8	54.6
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	20.4	20.3	20.4	21.0	21.8	21.0	20.4	20.0	19.6	19.2	18.8
PROFESSIONAL & BUSINESS SERVICES	194.0	196.3	202.0	209.9	215.9	211.6	203.9	194.2	187.8	177.0	171.3
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	86.6	87.8	91.0	94.1	95.0	90.7	86.5	82.5	79.6	75.9	74.5
Legal Services	15.2	15.0	14.9	14.7	14.9	15.1	14.8	14.3	14.3	14.5	14.8
Computer Systems Design	17.5	18.2	20.0	23.0	23.4	20.6	18.4	16.3	13.9	11.5	10.2
Management of Companies	10.9	27.8	28.0	28.6	29.7	30.5	31.1	29.5	29.0	27.8	26.9
Administrative and Support and Waste Management	79.8	80.7	83.1	87.1	91.2	90.4	86.4	82.2	79.2	73.2	69.9
Employment Services	26.6	26.9	28.5	32.4	35.9	35.7	33.4	32.0	29.9	26.0	23.3
EDUCATIONAL & HEALTH SERVICES	265.6	263.2	259.7	252.7	245.3	242.4	237.8	234.4	230.1	225.6	220.9
Educational Services	48.8	47.8	46.4	45.1	40.4	39.2	37.9	40.4	37.9	38.0	38.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	216.9	215.4	213.3	207.6	204.9	203.2	199.9	194.1	192.1	187.6	182.7
Hospitals	54.5	54.5	54.1	52.8	51.5	51.7	52.4	52.5	52.9	52.1	53.6
Nursing and Residential Care Facilities	57.2	56.7	56.1	54.7	54.5	54.3	53.2	52.0	51.2	50.2	48.2
Social Assistance	33.4	33.4	33.4	31.9	30.8	29.2	27.2	24.6	23.8	22.7	21.6
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	130.1	125.4	122.8	119.5	121.1	119.7	116.8	118.9	113.7	110.6	106.1
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	25.4	24.0	23.5	23.1	22.7	21.9	21.5	25.0	20.6	18.9	17.8
Accommodation and Food Services	104.6	101.4	99.4	96.5	98.4	97.9	95.3	93.9	93.1	91.7	88.4
Food Serv., Restaurants, Drinking Places	93.2	90.1	87.9	84.8	86.7	86.2	83.9	82.9	82.0	80.9	77.7
OTHER SERVICES	62.9	62.4	62.8	62.1	61.0	60.7	60.1	60.2	59.9	59.2	58.1
GOVERNMENT	243.6	246.4	249.3	244.4	241.8	235.1	227.8	225.7	222.8	220.9	217.2
Federal Government	20.3	20.9	21.2	21.6	23.5	22.3	22.4	22.6	23.5	24.0	24.2
State Government	64.6	66.3	70.2	69.6	68.8	66.9	64.3	64.5	66.7	69.0	67.6
Local Government **	158.7	159.2	157.9	153.2	149.5	145.9	141.1	138.6	132.6	127.9	125.4

Source: Connecticut Department of Labor

*Preliminary estimate

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